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# ADVOCATING FOR A FREE EDUCATION

Cape Breton University call for free tuition  
prompts discussion on other campuses

Bronwen McKie

News Contributor

Cape Breton University has recently launched “Zero Tuition Canada,” a campaign calling for free tuition and a nationwide discussion on the issues of continuous fee hikes and student debt.

University president David Wheeler, Faculty Association president Scott Stewart and Students’ Union president Brandon Ellis expressed these concerns on their blog in an open letter to federal leaders dated March 4.

“It’s unprecedented for a university president to take such a stance, but it shows a lot of wisdom and foresight on his part,” says John Hutton, a co-founder of the group Dal Students Against Fee Hikes.

Hutton says the budgeting and funding issues at Dalhousie are similar to those at CBU and is worried that Dal’s current funding model is unsustainable.

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“There are definitely some misplaced priorities that don’t put students and teaching and learning first,” says Hutton.

Dal Students Against Fee Hikes will be hosting an event on March 24, offering students free poutine and a space to discuss education issues. Hutton says the group also plans to put pressure on Dalhousie University president Richard Florizone to discuss tuition issues at Dal and stand in solidarity with students and faculty.

Dalhousie’s Budget Advisory Commit-

tee released a report on March 5 that recommended a three per cent increase in tuition fees, as well as a three per cent increase in auxiliary facilities renewal fees and cuts to faculty budgets.

These increases are capped at three per cent, in accordance with the 2012 memorandum of understanding between Nova Scotian universities and the provincial government.

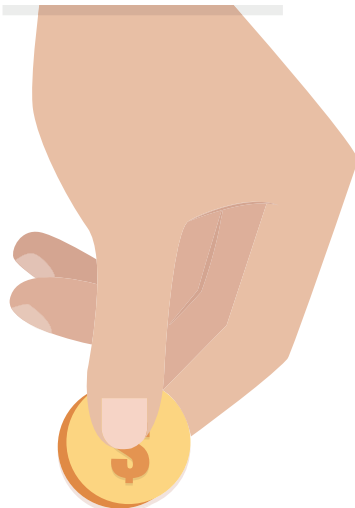
These agreements are designed to provide multi-year stability for universities to base a budget on. A new memorandum is scheduled for 2015, and Hutton says that students should have a voice in the new agreement.

Over the past 10 years, Dal has had to deal with a nine per cent decrease in provincial funding to their budget, while operating costs have risen. Hutton says this points to structural problems within the government.

“It’s an issue of priorities within government,” said Hutton. “Free tuition is not a radical idea. Canada can fund tuition with a one per cent [goods and services tax] increase.”

A one per cent GST increase would create funds within the six to seven billion dollar range.

“The reality is universities can’t continue to raise fees and cut their budgets forever. Something has to change,” says Hutton. “We should really be talking about free tuition because it’s important and it’s so within our reach.”



# 2015's

## Budget Advisory Committee Report is here!

Three per cent increase in tuition fees, cuts to faculty budgets included in this year's roster

Bronwen McKie  
News Contributor

Dalhousie's Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) has recommended a three per cent increase in tuition fees and cuts in funding to faculty budgets in the 2015-16 draft budget plan released on March 5.

As well, the BAC advised a three per cent increase in auxiliary facilities renewal fees, a \$500,000 increase to the facilities renewal budget and an increase of \$1.7 million to the strategic initiatives budget.

The BAC report discusses the unsustainability of low government funding and rising operating costs. The report's recommendations assume a one per cent increase in overall student enrolment and a one per cent increase in grant funding from the provincial government.

Ramz Aziz, Dalhousie Student Union president, says he questions how these assumptions are made and wonders why alternative solutions, such as administrative efficiency, redistribution of funds and compensation are not discussed.

Last year, enrolment figures were underestimated, which resulted in a monetary surplus that went to paying off the deficit.

"What can be done to change that practice?" said Aziz. "That's the question we want to put forward to the administration."

Some students are also upset that the BAC has disregarded their opinion on budgetary issues.

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"BAC presentations have, over the past two years, been given poor notice and publicity and the DSU executive has not encouraged students to attend or be educated on the issues," said Anthony Rosborough, Law Students' Society president, in an email.

"The process has been difficult to participate in," says Aziz, addressing the same issue. "It's not clear how students interact with any one piece of it."

Aziz says students were invited to a feedback session with the BAC in November, but that it was poorly organized and scheduled only six days in advance, making it difficult to gather students. He also says that information about the BAC has been sent to a "dummy" e-mail account,

instead of official DSU accounts.

For some students, recommendations to raise fees will have the biggest impact.

"Students in law have been impacted mostly by the increase in fees rather than tuition," said Rosborough. "Law students will pay over \$14,000 in tuition next year, but with the fees included, the total amount will be over \$18,000."

"The [BAC] report does not tell the whole story," says Rosborough.

A final report on the 2015-16 operating budget plan will be released in the end of March.

"No one has a silver bullet here. That's part of the challenge," says Aziz. "We need to start having the conversation so we can come up with the answer."

*The BAC is accepting written feedback, suggestions and comments from all members of the university community about issues presented in the report until March 20. Comments should be sent to Linda Penny, Linda.Penny@dal.ca, in Financial Services.*

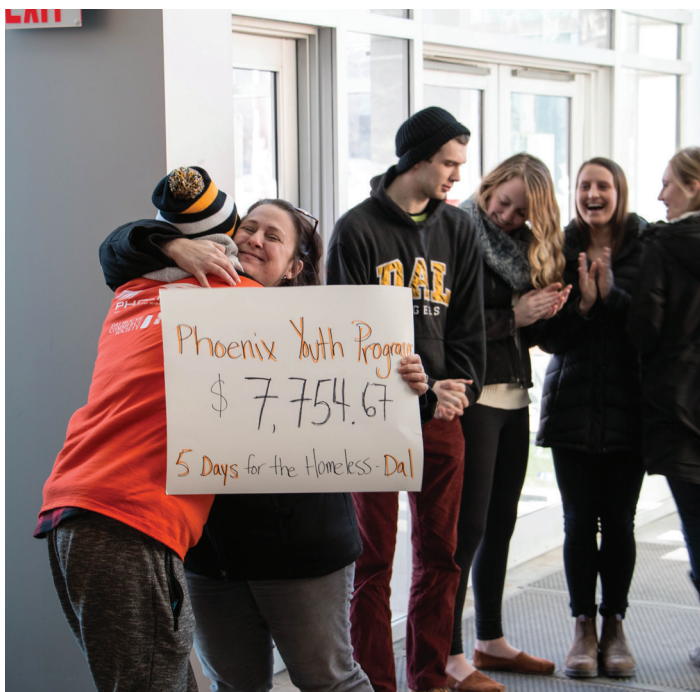
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# 5 DAYS IN THE COLD

Dalhousie commerce students raise over \$7000.00 for Phoenix Youth Program



Living, sleeping and studying outside the Rowe for 5 days • • • Photo by Kieran Leavitt

**Kieran Leavitt**  
News Contributor

From March 9 to March 13, a group of Dalhousie Commerce Society students participated in the nationwide event \*5 Days for the Homeless\*.

After living, sleeping and studying outside the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building for five days the students had raised \$7,754.67 for their chosen charity organization, the Phoenix Youth Program.

This year, according to the 5days.ca website, the campaign has raised over \$130,000 nation-wide.

The campaign began in 2005 with three students in Edmonton at the University of Alberta, “since then, 22 to 24 universities have picked it up across Canada,” says Breanne Beckett, one of the main coordinators and a participant in the campaign.

“Because this is our second year working with Phoenix Youth Programs, we just really want to engage the community in beginning that conversation about homelessness that [it is] experiencing,” she says. “100 percent of the proceeds from [5days.ca/Dalhousie] are donated

to Phoenix Youth Programs, and they can use that in anyway their fundraising management sees fit.”

There were rules the students participating had to follow. When they weren’t in class, they had to be outside, and the only time they could go inside was to use the bathroom.

“The whole piece is an integrity piece to maintain the dignity of what people experiencing this might look like. We don’t want to take advantage of other things that might be available to us because we’re in a privileged space,” says Beckett.

Other than using the Kenneth Rowe’s washroom facilities, and a house to use at night for emergencies, the students relied on the community at Dal for food donations, water, and clothing.

“Everyone has been really fantastic and so supportive. Sometimes, being a university student, we’re not able to give monetary support, and they’ve just been so overwhelmingly kind to us,” says Beckett.

Marianne Hagel, alumni relations officer for the Faculty of Management, shared his support for the students. “The fact that students want to give back, to

me, speaks volumes about the character of the students... So I think it’s fantastic, I think they deserve medals for being out there.”

Throughout the academic year, the Dalhousie Commerce Society has raised almost \$100,000, says Beckett. “It’s a monumental goal for them.”

But the DCS isn’t the only place where funds for charity are coming from.

“I’ve been in my position for the last four years and after I did some digging I discovered that in the past ten years, through students and student initiatives, alum, and obviously the public giving back, this faculty has raised over a quarter of a million dollars, which is quite phenomenal,” says Hagel.

Beckett adds that there were some challenges that needed to be overcome, such as staying dry and warm, with temperatures dropping to -30 with wind chill on Thursday night.

Friday morning however, her morale was intact. “[We] really pulled together as a team. Spirits are at an all-time high right now,” she said that morning.

After reflecting on her five days outside, Beckett says, “I think all of us would do it again. Would I do some things dif-

ferently? Yes, I think if I was to do it again I think I would try to make it even bigger and try to make even more of an impact.”

*Help the students reach their goal of \$12,500 here: [5days.ca/Dalhousie](http://5days.ca/Dalhousie).*

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# CONSIDERING SEXTON CAMPUS

Thoughts from the director of Dal's engineering, architecture and planning campus

**Jesse Ward**  
Editor-in-Chief

**T**here is only one committee of the Dalhousie Student Union that has its minutes reliably posted online – the Sexton Advisory Committee (SAC), chaired by Jomel Varghese.

"I have my put my heart in this," says Varghese.

Varghese, currently on track to complete a master's degree in internetworking, was appointed Sexton Campus Director in April 2014. This role means he has a spot on DSU council and chairs the SAC.

The *Gazette* sat down with Varghese in the DSU office in Sexton's B Building to talk about the needs and identity of Sexton campus.

## Sexton has unique advocacy needs

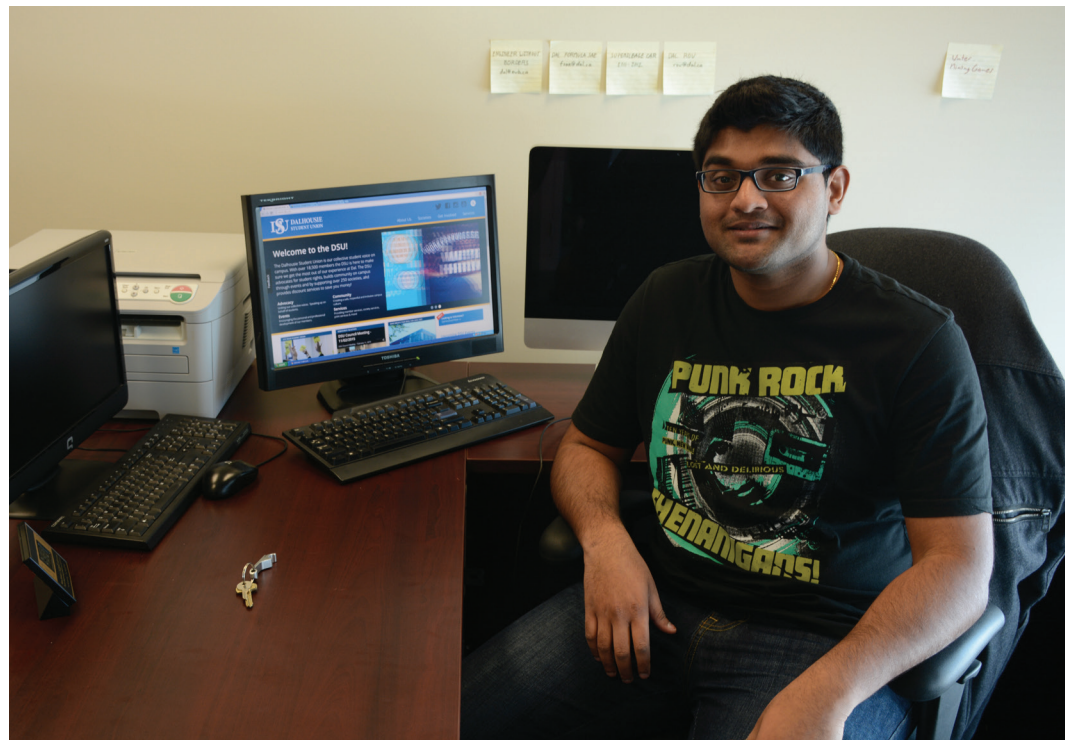
When it comes to advocacy from the DSU, Varghese says Sexton campus is not getting what it needs.

"Today, Sexton campus needs more lab resources. Sexton campus needs more space, Sexton campus needs more academic research funding," says Varghese.

"The faculty budgets are cut. So, things like these are happening. Sexton campus has professional programs – it's engineering, it's architecture, it's planning. These are the things that we want to be advocated on. I haven't heard anything."

"So, when I as a student am not seeing anything be advocated for what I want, do you think I will come forward and support the DSU? I have the greatest respect for all the social justice movements they do, whether it's sexism or the dentistry scandal. Or the tuition fee hike – the DSU has worked on these things, but these are the major points that Sexton campus needs.

"And this is not just me, it's more than 2,300 students on Sexton campus that are asking for this. [...] When I come to council



Varghese at work. • • • Photo by Jennifer Gosnell

the only thing that runs in my mind.

"It's not the Sexton Campus Director, it's 2,300 students but one soul sitting on that chair who is trying to put forward that voice. That's been my attempt for every council meeting."

## Candidates need to make promises

Varghese says he wants candidates to make promises in their platforms this year, so students will be able to hold them accountable.

"It's not just councillors that need to ask questions," says Varghese. "It's every Dal student who's registered at Dalhousie. I want to see the day when that DSU, 303 room, is filled with students asking questions to executives when their report is being read out."

He cites Danny Shanahan, DSU Vice President (Student Life), as an example of a candidate who lived up to promises he

At a debate last year, Varghese asked Shanahan to promise to run an event every month on Sexton Campus, and Shanahan agreed.

"Trust me, there is [now] an event every week, not just every month – every week, and he stood by his promise. He's doing it, and I'm really happy for that. That's what I'm expecting," says Varghese.

"The execs need to promise things they will do, because when they come down campaigning for votes, we need answers. We need things that convince us."

## Cultural societies should receive more promotion

This year, a Society Carnival was organized on Sexton campus without Varghese's knowledge – he says he only discovered it was happening through an executive report of Jennifer Nowoselski, Vice President (Internal), at a DSU council meeting.

"And I was like, why am I not involved in this?" says Varghese.

tions, views."

The carnival had representatives of societies like South House, NSPIRG, and the Dalhousie Supermileage team, but Varghese says he would have liked to have seen more of a cultural perspective at the event.

"We have the African Society, the Dalhousie International Students Association, the Chinese Association – bring more diversity in.

"If I had been there, I could have added more of a taste of culture. We, as engineers, we always complain we don't have time. Well if you don't have time, let's bring it at your doorstep. Bring more of a cultural perspective, we need to have more a cultural perspective."

He says the DSU could benefit from more collaboration with its international student societies. He sees the DSU pamphlet as an example of one way the DSU could collaborate with international students – this pamphlet currently highlights a few of the DSU's levied societies, but Var-

ghese suggests adding cultural societies.

"Maybe it's a recommendation for the new execs. Broaden your thinking, and have a better perspective of what needs to be done. Because your pamphlet tomorrow might reach another province, your pamphlet tomorrow might reach another country. And they need to know – what is Dalhousie, or the DSU, offering?"

## Sexton students as a "minority" at Dal

Varghese would like to emphasize that while Sexton is commonly referred to as Dal's "engineering campus", people need to consider how the campus also represents all architecture and planning students.

Just as the architecture and planning students form a minority of students on Sexton, Sexton students form a minority of students at Dal, and Varghese understands this similarity.

"I do understand that Dal engineering is the majority on Sexton campus. But that being said, we cannot ignore the views of a small group of students. Because they all contribute to form a majority," says Varghese.

"I do not understand the word, 'minority'. What I do understand is, Sexton is a group of students that adds up to make a majority. That's how I look at it. And that's the way we all should look at it, right?"

"When we say, 'That's a majority, this is a minority,' of course I'm going to have a biased decision with the majority, because they are the ones who are going to have more power, or more of a say, or more services than the minority.

"But what if I say, 'These guys are going to help us to make this even bigger, so let's support them.' If you have that approach, you can make wonders. That's all I've been trying to do this year."



# Part-timers file complaint against Dal

Dal halts negotiations with union over issue of inclusion of agricultural campus' part-timers

**Sabina Wex**  
Assistant News Editor



**C**UPE 3912, a union representing teaching assistants and part-time faculty at Dalhousie, St. Mary's and Mount Allison, filed a complaint against Dalhousie University for bargaining in bad faith. The Feb. 17 complaint is the result of CUPE 3912 wanting to include part-timers at Dal's Truro agricultural campus as part of the union. However, Dal doesn't want to do this while acknowledging that the union has the right to organize Truro's part-timers.

"There's no reason to exclude those members [Truro part-timers]," CUPE 3912 president Steve Cloutier said.

Dal has halted negotiations for CUPE 3912's collective agreement due to the issue of inclusion of Truro part-timers into the union. Cloutier said the union received legal counsel, and the lawyer said that the university cannot halt negotiations for this reason.

"The university wants to ensure fairness for its part-time faculty and teaching assistants (TAs) regardless of the faculty in which they teach," Dalhousie Director of Communications Brian Leadbetter said via email.

CUPE 3912 has now put in a complaint to the Nova Scotia Labour Board against Dal for bargaining in bad faith. CUPE 3912 and Dal are scheduled to meet with the labour board in May.

Cloutier understands why the university wouldn't want to force union membership upon

Truro part-timers. CUPE 3912's collective agreement enforces salaries, which would mean that the university may have to factor in pay increases for Truro part-time faculty and TAs.

When Dal started saying that the Truro part-timers needn't be a part of the union, Cloutier said he wanted to take the problem to the labour board.

"If the Nova Scotia Labour Board tells me they're not our members, I'm happy to comply with that, and organize them as law dictates," he said. "But until an external body tells me, I don't feel I can negotiate away rights from members."

With the recent strikes by the part-time faculty and TA unions at the University of Toronto and York University, universities across the country are seeing more tension between themselves and part-timers. CUPE 3912 stands in solidarity with the Toronto unions.

Cloutier has been a part-time English instructor at St. Mary's for 15 years. He said that universities are used to seeing part-timers as transitory, staying for only a year or two. However, this is no longer the case as full-time positions become more and more rare.

Part-timers don't have representation on Senate, and Cloutier said they often aren't consulted about courses they teach.

"There has to be a change in attitude: the attitude that we're temporary," Cloutier said. "Part-time faculty as temporary is no longer the case."

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# Dal releases diversity report

## Report fast-tracked after dentistry scandal



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Adele Van Wyk  
News Contributor

“Belong”, Dalhousie’s report on diversity and inclusiveness, was released last week, amidst criticism of some aspects of the report.

University president Richard Florizone fast-tracked the publication of the report in response to the recent Dentistry scandal, leading some to believe that the rushed nature of the process did not adequately address the issues presented.

Written by a diverse group of students, faculty and staff, the committee tasked with writing the report was led by Law School president Kim Brooks. The committee met with various groups and individuals in the Dalhousie community.

“There is frustration at being asked once again what needs to be done and skepticism that anything will change,” says the report’s introduction.

Structured into six themes, the report makes a number of recommendations, including who ought to be tasked with specific changes. There is a strong emphasis on accountability and on every individual reflecting and participating in change within the Dal-

housie community.

While the report focuses on aiding diversity on campus, there are areas that it does not address.

**“Being able to acknowledge that sexism exists would be huge”**

“Being able to acknowledge that sexism exists would be huge,” says Jacqueline Skiptinus, Vice President (Academic and External) of the Dalhousie Student Union.

The report recommends a form of mandatory education for all incoming students, faculty and staff on inclusiveness and diversity. It also suggests that up stander training be offered so that members of the community have the tools to speak out when they observe inappropriate behaviours and attitudes.

In order for community members to speak up, they also must be made to feel included within the university as a whole.

“Many students from different minorities, whether that be international students feeling isolated from Canadian students, or

local indigenous students feeling isolated from others, the experience of isolation is all too common,” says Brenda Beagan, a member of the report committee.

The report makes a number of recommendations that would enable faculties to combat these experiences of isolation.

“If each faculty felt more like a community that would be huge,”

says Skiptunis.

Skiptunis also says that the word ‘women’ is used only four times in the report, and there is nothing mentioned about the fact that Dalhousie is the only university in the U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities that does not have permanent a faculty of Gender & Women’s Studies.

In spite of these concerns,

there is hope that the report might be able to affect some change.

Dalhousie is in the midst of a boom in size and diversity and Beagan says, “it’s a time when the university wants to look good on this stuff, and the opportunity is there.”

“They have to change, and they know it,” says Skiptunis.







Becke received national recognition for 30 years of groundbreaking discoveries in chemistry. ••• Photos supplied by NSERC

# Dalhousie prof awarded Herzberg prize

## *Breakthrough research in density-functional theory*

**Sabina Wex**  
Assistant News Editor

**A**xel Becke doesn't usually wear his medal. He doesn't even have it on display in his office on the top floor of the chemistry building.

The Dalhousie chemistry professor isn't even a classically trained chemist. Yet Becke, trained in engineering physics at Queen's University and theoretical physics at McMaster University, has developed theoretical and computational methods that made a number of discoveries across scientific fields possible.

On Feb. 17, Becke was awarded the Gerhard Herzberg Gold Medal, the highest honour given by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research

Council (NSERC) of Canada.

Becke's area of expertise is "density-functional theory" (DFT). Originally founded in 1964 by Walter Kohn, DFT shows that one needn't know the individual motions of each electron, but only the overall total density of the electrons, in order to understand and calculate the properties of atoms, molecules and solids.

However, the actual formulas, called functionals, linking the density to the energy and other properties are unknown and need to be approximated. In the late 80s, Becke set out to find approximate functionals accurate enough to be useful in predicting the properties of atoms, molecules and solids.

"For example, calculating bond energies with non-DFT

methods is really, really hard," Becke said. "And what's more important in chemistry than bond energies?!"

Bond energies measure the strength of attraction between atoms in molecules. They are essential to understanding molecular structures and the energies and mechanisms of chemical reactions.

With Becke's discoveries in the 80s, DFT began working well and became highly popular. Scientists increasingly used it to understand the chemistry of the systems they were studying.

But in 2004, Becke said he became depressed. He thought DFT was dead.

DFT up to this point was excellent for understanding ordinary bonds, but not more complex interactions such as

"van der Waal's" (vdW) interactions, which are interactions weaker than ordinary bonds. DFT didn't work for vdW interactions, and these are of paramount importance in biology.

But by 2010, DFT was back in business. Becke and his graduate student, Erin Johnson, figured out how to make DFT work for van der Waal's interactions, allowing for the application of DFT to biological systems.

A beautiful example of the importance of vdW interactions in biological chemistry—including in the human body—is the structure of DNA. DNA's double helix configuration is the result of vdW interactions between the nucleobases, causing the structure to twist. If the van der Waal's interactions are turned off in a DFT computation, the

double helix unwinds into a ladder shape.

"Because there were, and still are, problems with it [DFT], I've been working on it ever since [the 80s]," he said. "I'm still working on it."

Now with the award funds Becke has received from NSERC for winning the Herzberg medal, he can bring Johnson from her present position at the University of California to Dal to work on, what he hopes is, the final frontier of DFT: understanding "strong" interactions, which are important in transition metal chemistry and in many chemical reactions.

"For right here, right now, the theory of everything is density-functional theory," Becke said.



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Have fun on St. Paddy's Day but be respectful to your neighbours. Whether they're families with young children, elderly couples, or people who do shift work, they deserve not to be unreasonably disturbed. Don't be that student who takes away from all the great work we've done to make Dalhousie such a great place in our community.



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## Is the DSU contributing to human rights abuses? We need to know.

**Motion to investigate DSU investments coming before council.**

**Amer Hussein**  
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On March 25, a motion asking for an examination of the Dalhousie Student Union's investments is being introduced to DSU council. The motion specifically asks for an answer to the question of whether or not the companies that the Student Union invests in profit from human rights abuses made in Palestine by the Israeli government. Similar calls have happened all over Canada. In Ontario, the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, and York University have all addressed that very question. Concern about whether a student body is complicit in injustices that are happening at different places around the world has been rising.

Here at Dalhousie, Divest Dal began a campaign a year and a half ago for environmental justice. Why? Because students recognized that to invest in companies that contribute to climate change negatively is in itself unethical. Interest in questions of complicity with human rights abuses in Palestine follows the same tone. Whether or not students decide to take action, they deserve to know whether or not their money contributes to the prosperity of unethical companies, and unethical practices. It's our student union's responsibility to maintain transparency in all aspects.

In 2005, Palestinians called for an international campaign to exert economic pressure on corporations contributing to their suffering. This motion vocalizes that call, because, by requesting an answer for a yes/no question (are we complicit?), students will begin to discuss what should be done with that information and what steps should be taken. This motion sets precedence, invokes dialogue, and gets the conversation started about whether or not divestment is to be taken.

It is known from already disclosed information that the DSU invests a sum of its money in Caterpillar Inc., which supplies Israeli forces with machinery to carry out illegal demolitions of indigenous Palestinian homes. It is estimated that more than 25,000 Palestinian homes have been demolished by Israel in the Palestinian Territories, including Gaza,

since 1967. This illegal behaviour had left more than 160,000 internally displaced within Palestine, and the number is growing. Such is an example of an unethical investment that the DSU needs to tell students about in order to end any complicity in human rights abuses in Palestine.

In order to obtain a responsible investment portfolio, the DSU and Dalhousie itself need to divest from companies whose operations are in direct violation of international law and human rights. As a union (and as an academic institution) that is supposed to stand for the highest ethical and moral standards, having ties with unethical companies can be interpreted as condoning the injustices and abuses carried out against the people of Palestine. To continue such investments, if any more are found once this information is disclosed, would constitute approval and may be seen as an attempt to sustain what many international human rights groups have criticized for decades.

Students have the right to know and the time is now.



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# Home-burgers

Consider choosing substance over style in the battle for your Burger Week budget.

Shannon Slade  
Staff Contributor

**O** Happy Burger Week. There are over 60 fine restaurants listed on the official Burger Week website, but I want to take a moment to talk about the one glaring omission that all true Dalhousie burger enthusiasts ABSOLUTELY MUST experience. First though, a little background.

## I love hamburgers.

I was raised to know a good hamburger when I encountered it. Growing up, my mom made the best hamburgers for miles around. When she made hamburgers my friends would mysteriously appear, and I know it wasn't for the pleasure of my company. Once my friend Carolyn and I ran all the way home from the movie theatre on a hot tip that my mom was making hamburgers.

## Hamburgers are awesome.

The hamburgers my mom made were not tremendously complicated. They were simple patties, made with tried and true ingredients and cooked to perfec-

tion. They were 'home' burgers, the ultimate comfort food, made with love.

For years I searched for the experience outside my mom's kitchen. Restaurants never really gave me that experience with their hamburgers. Most restaurants I've gone to have super expensive burgers that taste like the frozen patties you get from Sobeys. I'm not spending \$15 on a frozen patty. Then there are the burger places that have zany toppings like peanut butter or ice cream but look at me like I'm a knuckle-dragging buffoon because I just want ketchup, mustard and cheese with some onion and lettuce. Honestly, with some of these more elaborate places, they seem so focused on putting crazy toppings on their burgers that they forget about the quality of the burger itself. Don't get me wrong, if you want a more unique type of burger, that's cute for you, but it's not cute for me. I need substance over style.

For a long time I just assumed that to get that 'home' burger experience I would forever have to go to my mom's house like the food mooch I kind of am.

All of this changed when I went to Westcliffe Diner on

the corner of Oxford and Bayers Road. My fiancé had been hyping this place for some time, but I was skeptical. The menu advertises a cheeseburger and fries platter for under \$5--how could a spot with such cheap food also have the best burgers in the city? Eventually I went there and ordered the bacon cheeseburger. I was told to set my expectations high, but what I got was better than I could have imagined: it tasted like a 'home' burger, my mom's burgers.

Westcliffe burgers are high quality local beef, grilled to absolute perfection every single time. The bacon is amazing: thick, high quality crispy goodness. Nothing tastes like it has been frozen or processed—it is all fantastic and fresh.

The restaurant owners are wonderful too. Bev and Tyler have created a warm and friendly environment that makes you feel instantly comfortable. It's a homey environment with great food and great company. I can't say enough good things about it.

Their burgers are comfort food in the truest possible sense. Last September, my father died and naturally it was a horrible time for me. A few weeks



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later, to get me out of the house, my fiancé took me to Westcliffe. The combination of the delicious comfort-food cheeseburger and the friendly, personable environment put me in a better frame of mind than I had been since my father's passing. Maybe that sounds ridiculous to some people who read this, but for me, that warm-hearted combination was exactly what I needed when I was low, and I'll always feel that much more attached to Westcliffe as a result.

I can't say more about Westcliffe without writing a sonnet about it, so I will conclude this by saying that if you are looking for a comforting, expertly made burger, you won't find any better than Westcliffe—and the prices are pretty amazing too. You won't find Westcliffe in the Burger Week listings, but I can only assume that is the work of the Illuminati, determined to hide the secret of this amazing little corner of heaven from the burger-seeking masses.

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# From the Archives - Agonizing over Apathy

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The voting period is upon us. Two weeks ago, we looked at the efforts of the Gazette to combat voter apathy before elections. Last week we looked at a history of upstart outsider candidates who ran campaigns designed to rally students against apathy under the banner of reform and engagement. This week? Eighty years' worth of DSU experts weigh in on why we are so damn apathetic.

If interested in playing a particularly depressing game while reading, go through the articles chronologically and watch as the definition of shameful apathy changes from 50 per cent voter turnout in the 1930s to 21 per cent in the mid-2000s. (Sink yet further into your chair when you realize that last year's turnout was 10.8 per cent.)

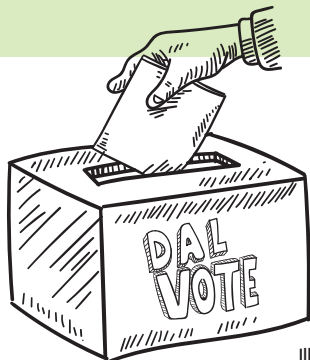


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**"The Council Elections"**  
– Volume 64, Issue 17 –  
March 9, 1932

Dalhousians will very shortly be called upon again to elect twelve of their number to the Students' Council for 1932-3.

Every year, with hopeful regularity, the undergraduate body is urged to consider the matter thoughtfully, and with the same regularity, the admonition is blissfully ignored. Yet, despite the fact that all exhortation is likely to be in vain, we cannot forbear to reiterate the old old theme in two at least, of its aspects. In the first place, every student should regard it as his or her duty to vote; and in the second place, each person should attempt to do so in an intelligent manner. At the last elections, only about fifty

percent of the undergraduates registered their will at the polls. How in the name of heaven can they expect to get first class administration, if they persist in displaying such apathy? To speak thus, is to case no innuendoes on the present Council; it merely casts, and is meant to cast innuendoes on the student body as a whole.

Moreover even among the votes that are registered, very few are carefully thought out. The weather-beaten cry of "popularity contest" is, alas, too true. Members are, unfortunately, often swept into office on the wave in their hair, rather than on the strength of able executive ability. If the students want good popular government, and not poor, popularity government, they would do well to think before they vote.

**"We're sick and Tired"**  
Volume 91, Issue 17 –  
March 5, 1959

We're sick and tired of talking about that poor, worn out word APATHY, just as sick of it as you must be reading about it. The problem is, its popularity is unquestionable. Everyone's talking about it and so must we. Why?

The answer is simple. Apathy is the most widespread, contagious disease from which we all suffer.

One of the latest outbreaks of the epidemic was experienced during the recent campaign for campus elections. At the student forum, where the candidates present their platforms and are bar-

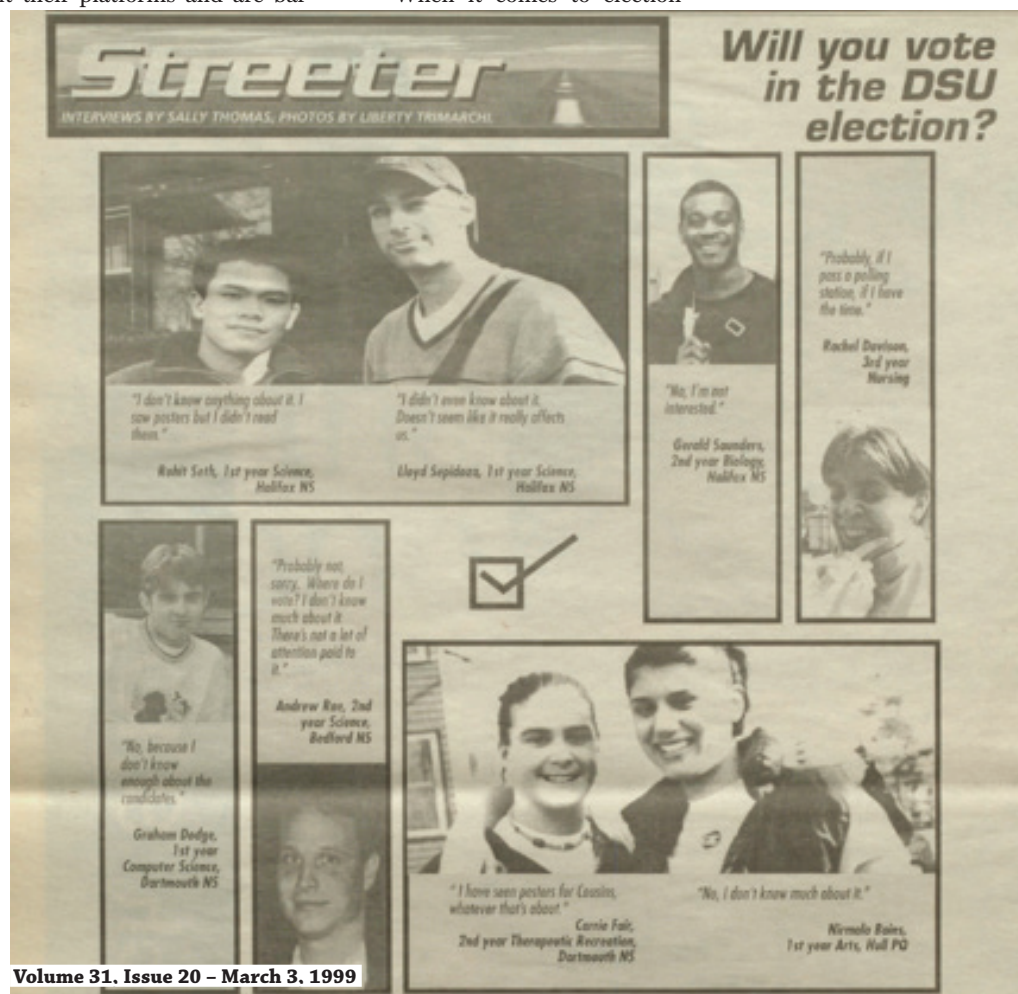
raged with questions, only a few more than 200 students appeared. These filed in as quiet as mice, took their seats, clapped respectably when the unheralded candidates presented themselves, asked only a few uninspiring questions and filed meekly out again.

Not only the students but also the candidates are to blame. Where were the bands or student noise-makers, as the bands might better be termed), the parades, and the waving placards which add excitement! Once the students are attracted and excited, controversial issues are bound to arise and be thrashed out between the candidates, leaving the student more capable of deciding where to make their "X".

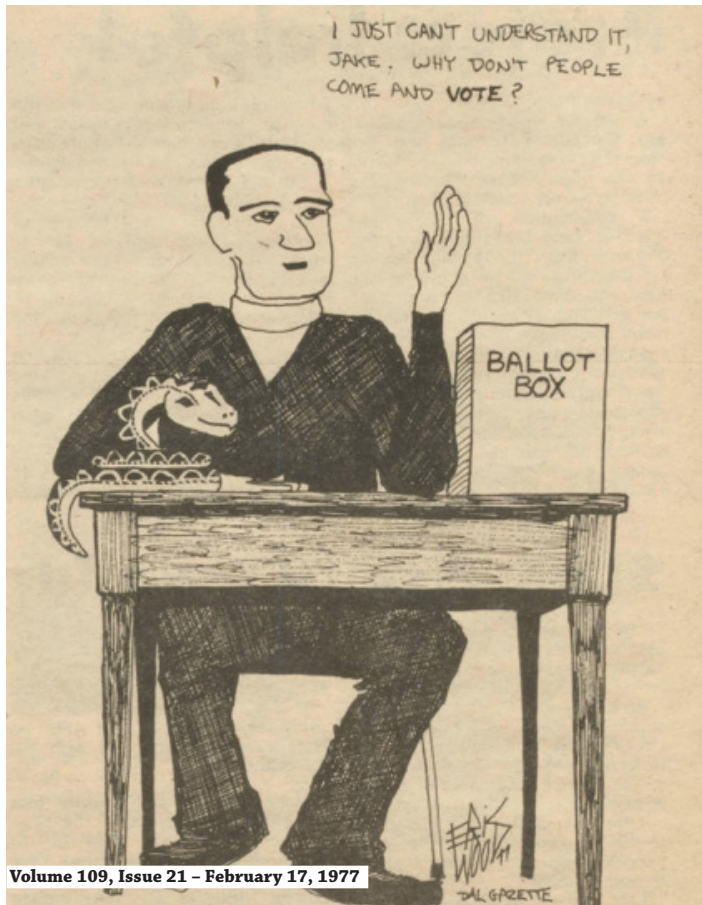
When it comes to election

day, however, the students are entirely at fault. The figures are shocking.

Of a student population of 1683 only 873 voted, or a little more than 50 percent. In a case as bad as this, we are forced to write again about this dread disease, apathy. It must be cured, stamped out, for the health of the campus is at stake. Perhaps the Council should set up a booth where we may all go to be vaccinated in order to save our lives. The worst problem is that the disease has taken such a hold that probably only 50 percent of the students would turn up to be scratched and the rest would die. We might almost say good riddance... yes, we might at that.







Volume 109, Issue 21 – February 17, 1977

### "Non-election elections"

Tom Regan – Volume 112, Issue 19 – Feb 14, 1980

**G**il Whitehouse, chief electoral officer for the Dalhousie Student Union expressed his disappointment at the large number of acclamations to next year's council during the student council meeting held on Sunday night.

Whitehouse told council there were a "horrendous number of acclamations". He said there had been years in the past when it had been hard to find people to run for council but that this was the worst that he had ever seen.

The elections, which will be held on February 20th, will have actual races in only three areas. Positions to be decided on the 20th will be president and vice-president, the Board of Governors representative and a Gazette Publishing Board representative. All five positions in the senate, the law representative, both arts positions, all three science reps and the

representatives of commerce, engineering and health were declared elected by acclamation.

Council was also informed by the presidential team of Jim Enman and Brad Wicks that they have no intention of showing up for any of the presidential forums to be held before the election. Enman told council that he and Wicks are not running a serious campaign to get elected but are running as a protest team against the apathy shown by students at Dalhousie.

The announcement, which virtually assures Gord Owen and Jeff Champion of victory in the presidential race was greeted with laughter by most council members. Several council members said it was time to take a new look at the constitution and the running of student elections. Whitehouse said this would be an excellent idea and it would help avoid council elections from becoming 'joke' elections in the future.

Whitehouse is still hoping for a turnout of 30% for this year's election.

### "Failed Candidates Can Only Blame Themselves"

Mike Smit – Volume 139, Issue 26 – March 29, 2007

**S**tudents have spoken - well, 21 per cent of them - and the DSU has a new executive.

Mike Tipping, Rosalie Hanlon, Tara Gault and Courtney Larkin take office on May 1, alongside a yet to be appointed vice president (finance and operations).

DalOUT finally won its levy (third time's the charm), and WUSC tagged along for the ride. And the DSU has a shiny new (err ... recycled) sustainability office. It should be an exciting year for the DSU.

Excitement is good, because the election itself was completely unremarkable. Perhaps the most noteworthy news is that no one has challenged the results, which is not something we've taken for granted in recent DSU elections history.

There were moments of drama and, as usual, a few candidates evoked a good laugh. But there was no epic battle of the well-qualified titans, no struggle of "good" versus "evil," no power struggle between several strong leaders.

There were just a bunch of people who wanted to be elected.

I hoped online campaigning would allow candidates to give me more to be excited about, but was disappointed.

Only eight candidates bothered to create any kind of web presence outside of a "lol vote 4 me" Facebook group completely void of meaningful content.

I followed the election closely and gathered every detail I could. I visited Facebook groups and candidate websites several times a day. I had dozens of peo-

ple e-mailing me information and updates, I offered opinion polls and forums and I published five daily comments on anything remotely newsworthy.

Five days later, I can't even remember all the candidates' names.

It's not that they were egregiously bad candidates - I tend to remember those. They were just uninspiring. Unimpressive. Unoriginal. There were notable exceptions, as always, but in general I had to look hard to find interesting news to report.

I'm not alone in my general indifference. Compared to previous years, the spoiled ballot rates were quite high. And it's even worse when you add in ballots that were left blank. The ballot for vice president (education) was left blank or intentionally spoiled by 28 per cent of all voters, with the other executive positions not far behind at 15 per cent, 20 per cent and 24 per cent.

Nearly 1,000 students looked at the two choices for that position and essentially said "No thanks" or "Oh, gotta run, Jericho is on." It's hard to get enthusiastic about an election when you're voting for the lesser of "who cares."

Of course, the untold story is of the nine candidates who won't get a chance to battle the new self-appointed DSU watchdog, Gregory Debogorski, failed board of governors candidate. Fortunately for them, they have other options.

If they don't want to worry about pesky things like voters or constituents, they can get themselves appointed to sit on the DSU's board of operations. There they can form their very own two-year oligarchy, just like the Central Committee all the best Politburos had.

Unless, of course, they are computer science or engineering students, as co-op students

need not apply. They'll just have to get one of those summer jobs in Ontario our new vice president (education) promised us in her campaign. It's cool - the DSU has always been Dalhousie's arts and science society. I see no reason to kowtow to those pesky co-op students.

Getting back to the candidates, I have one message for you: better luck next time. Try to avoid running a campaign destined to fail. If you lost and are looking for someone to blame, you need only look as far as the nearest mirror. We didn't set a record in terms of how far we lowered the bar, but we came pretty damn close. If you couldn't clear it, you can blame only yourself. Some factors that swing elections are out of your control, but the majority are completely up to you. It takes little effort to research the position you desire, meet with the current holder of the position, visit classrooms, post a website and craft a platform with interesting and relevant ideas.

You have voters and pundits alike who are begging to be excited, to be inspired, to have strong feelings about an election.


We're tired of spoiling our ballots. Dalhousie students, if you've ever wanted to run for DSU office, now is the time to start. You have 11 months and three weeks to get ready to give the university something to be excited about.

*Mike Smit is a Dalhousie graduate who has been involved with the DSU for over seven years. He developed the DSU's online voting software and has provided technical support ever since. Smit's website, MikeSmit.com, was a focal point of election commentary.*



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## There and Back Again, an Arts Section's Tale

### A Recap of the Gazette's Festival Coverage This Year

**Matt Wilush**  
Arts Editor

Through snow, slush and sleep deprivation, the Gazette's Arts team has worked hard to get into all of Halifax's biggest festivals to keep you in tune. As we wrap up our publishing year, let's shed all notions of journalistic modesty and bask in a little self-congratulatory nostalgia.

We began where we always seem to, at DalFest. This year's edition featured newly appointed Q host, Shad, Newfoundland orchestral poppers Hey Rosetta! and the demure beauties from Alvays. It was, as it always is, a drunken haze of purple lights and twisting bodies. The Quad teemed with students and non-students alike as the two night-long festival

ushered in the new school year.

Shortly after, the *Gazette* covered a few screenings from the Atlantic Film Festival. The crowning gem of the festival was the Halifax-centric Heartbeat, which brought the city's north end boho communities to the silver screen.

Gottingen Street celebrated its 250 anniversary in 2014, and held a street-wide party in celebration. While it's safe to say that the north end of Halifax has seen some major upheavals in the past few years, and will surely see exponential change in the near future, Gottingen250 was an assurance that the tight-knit communities that define the area are as vibrant as ever.

October: zines and punk bands rule everything around me – 2014's Halifax Pop Explo-

sion was an incredible showcase of music. With headliners including Against Me!, Danny Brown, Ghostface Killah, Raekwon and Zed's Dead, every venue in the city was humming with mayhem within. It was a long week, and the bruises I sustained from Single Mothers' set at the Seahorse can attest to that. The *Gazette* also reported on the festival's concurrent zine and record fairs – October is the holiest month.

Nocturne, the city-wide art night, was held on the as-of-yet coldest night of the year. Nonetheless, groups of artists, activists, inventors and freewheelers filled Halifax with one-of-a-kind installations.

Hal Con 2014 did not implode. Unlike the previous year's capacity control issues,

there were no apparent issues to be seen at the annual tribute to everything geeky. From within, the *Gazette* reported on the wide variety of teas for sale, the cosplays and the Lolita Fashion panel.

Early this year, the *Gazette* reported on the In the Dead of Winter Festival. Singer-songwriters congregated to Halifax's north end for a series dreamy winter evenings. While not as widely known as some of the city's more popular music fests, IDOW is Halifax through-and-through. This year marked the festival's first year as a registered non-profit, so we'll have to see where the Dead of Winter takes us next.

For the first time ever, the SUB was transformed into a multi-stage festival ground for SUBfest. This student-driven

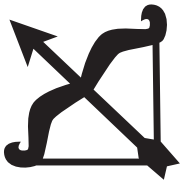
event opened up the entirety of the SUB for students to wander through, following duct tape trails to the next stage. With a hyper-local menagerie of musical acts and a DIY attitude, SUBfest was a unique blend of student involvement and music – certainly an exciting precedent to move forward from.

Of course, this is far from a catch-all list – Halifax is a busy city, and as a student publication, we can't always make it out to absolutely everything. We gave it our all, and I'd like to sincerely thank all those who trekked out to bring Halifax's vibrant culture to the pages of the *Gazette*.

# CRYPTIC PREDICTIONS



*Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)*  
With five minutes to detonation, you have to ask yourself if the world is really worth saving. Look into the face of that smiling baby and tell me you don't see a vision of certain doom. Red wire, blue wire – it's all the same in the end. One black bag and a family of earthworms.



*Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*  
Recycling is a conspiracy made up by the Federal Government to steal our garbage. Sure, we hear all about blue bins and proper waste disposal, but have you ever actually seen anything being recycled?

Certain doom,  
now with 50% more gloom!

**Mat Wilush**  
Arts Editor / Wingnut Mystic



*Aries (March 21-Apr 19)*  
Ask her out. Take her to your favourite restaurant. Order a new dish. Laugh at all the right times. Uncross your legs. Make occasional bathroom breaks to check your composure in the mirror. Pick up the check. Drive sober and cautiously. Walk her to the door. Go home and dream about Marlon Brando.



*Gemini (May 21-June 20)*  
I've always been convinced that there's a cult out there for everyone. Gemini, don't let your trepidation stop you from finding yours. Someday, we will meet on the sidewalk and give each other a cursory glance, nothing more, and I will know that your soul has been saved.



*Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)*  
"Mom! Aiden cut me in half again!" You remember that commercial, don't you? Nobody's good at everything, Leo, but everybody is good at something. Sure, that sounds nice on television, but it's always Aiden's mom who has to clean up the guts in the garage.



*Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*  
There's no need to be scared of the water, Libra. There's nothing menacing lurking beneath that black mirror. Nothing waiting to pull you down to its deep lair, where there is no light and no darkness, only an endless spinning sensation as you try to reach a surface that is too far gone. Come on in, the water's great!



*Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*  
I don't want to cause you any alarm, but the test indicates that there's a tiny family living inside of your organs. I'm not quite sure how they got in there, but they're settled in pretty firmly. I mean, I can't just kick these people out of their home, can I. They're nice, hardworking people. They have a sedan and HBO. They have family board game night on Tuesdays. Really, they look like they're doing better than you are. Have you ever considered moving?



*Taurus (April 20-May 20)*  
Remember at the end of Signs, when it was the little girl's insistent habit of leaving glasses of water out that saved the world? You should take a lesson from that, Taurus. No matter how annoying your stupid habits are, maybe one day they'll help quell an intergalactic invasion.



*Cancer (June 21-July 22)*  
Remember me, Cancer? I bet you thought that I had forgotten about you. I will never forget about you, Cancer, or about what happened between us that fateful autumn evening. I still hear Savage Garden whenever I think about you. I still think that your hair looks like centipedes.



*Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*  
You will score 100 per cent on all of your exams, and everyone will fall in love with you. Your breath will always smell like cinnamon buns, and you'll never have another pimple in your life. When you win an all-inclusive trip to the planet of your dreams, accept and never look back. There is nothing more for you to conquer here.



*Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*  
I would advise you to pay back any debts you owe, Scorpio, as it seems the stars are scheming against you. It's nothing personal, honestly, the stars are just kind of dicks. I know they look all heavenly and intangible up there, but if you could meet them, you wouldn't want to. Seriously, all they do is play Call of Duty and talk about each other's moms.



*Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*  
Have you ever been trapped in a well? Have you ever been chased by a dog while working as a mailman? When was the last time you slipped on a banana peel? If one or all of these cliché incidents have happened to you, you might qualify! Just send a blood sample to our address and we'll match you with the boring life of your dreams!



# WITH THE LIGHTS ON

## The Female Orgasm and You

Rosalie Fralick,  
Arts Contributor

**T**his week I was browsing Yik Yak (that weird anonymous Twitter app) when I read the following post:

"I'm a 23 year old woman and I can't have an orgasm. Am I weird?"

Not such an appalling thing to read in and of itself. Some people are anorgasmic for a variety of reasons and as long as you've ruled out or addressed medical causes there's nothing to worry about.

What was most shocking was the flood of women who followed replying that they had also never been able to have an orgasm and wanted to so badly.

I am concerned about the women of Dalhousie who yearn

to orgasm. Orgasms are great for a number of reasons: they boost your mood, they can help you fall asleep and they can even help with headaches. Also, they feel really good. So today we're going to troubleshoot this problem and see if we can find a solution.

First things first: most women cannot have an orgasm just through penetration. In fact, only about a third of women are able to do so. What that means is a toy, fingers, or a penis will probably not be enough. Don't rule out this method though. Try stimulation of the area about an inch and a half inside of the vagina (thought to be the g spot, an extension of the clitoris, or the skeins gland, depending on who you ask).

If this just doesn't do it for you, it's time to try clitoral stimulation. The head of the clitoris

is located near the top of your vulva and has a movable hood over it that protects it from any stimulation that might be too intense. You can use your fingers to rub over it and experiment with sensations that spread from there, as the crus of the clitoris extend down along the sides of the vulva.

If you're working with a partner here, you can also experiment with oral stimulation (see last week's column for a step-by-step on this). You can also try combining clitoral stimulation with vaginal stimulation to enhance the experience.

If this still isn't doing it for you, it might be time to experiment with toys a little bit.



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the most satisfaction from vibrators that stimulate both the g-spot and the clitoris.

Finally, relax. This is easier said than done of course, but if you're worried too much about having an orgasm you won't be able to relax enough to have one. Allow yourself to just enjoy the sensations you're experiencing and remember that as great as they are, orgasms don't have to be the pinnacle of every sexual experience. Sex can be sex for the sheer pleasure of it!

**"Some people say diamonds are a girl's best friend, but I might argue that vibrators have taken over that role."**

You can start by trying out a little bullet vibe (you can buy these at basically any drug store), or if you're working with a partner who has a penis, you could try a vibrating cock-ring. If you want something a little more intense, try a full-sized vibrator. These come in different sizes and shapes but many cis-women find they get

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL SLIP AT CIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### *Free throw shooting main factor behind team's loss*

Graeme Benjamin  
Sports Editor

Only one point came between the Dalhousie men's basketball and a birth in the semi-finals of the CIS ArcelorMittal Dofasco men's basketball semi-finals.

Instead, the Tigers fell 57-56 to the Victoria Vikes in the first round of the final 8, leaving them to fight for the consolation prize. They lost to the Saskatchewan Huskies 90-79 the next day to eliminate them from the national championship.

The Tigers entered the tournament as the fifth-ranked team in the country following their Cinderella run in the AUS basketball championships that saw them rally for three come from behind wins in a row.

Dal jumped out to an early 15-11 lead after the first quarter with five Tigers finding the scoreboard. Third-year forward Kashrell Lawrence hit an early three, followed by buckets from Cedric Sonogo and Jarred Reid to give the Tigers an early seven-point lead. Dal kept up their intensity into the second frame, passing the ball along smoothly along the floor, spreading the scoring among the starting rotation. They went into the half with a slight 28-24 lead.

But the third was different story, with Vikes' Marcus Tibbs leading the comeback for his team with a three-point play, followed by made jump shots on the next two possessions. Victoria completed the third frame with their first lead since the first minute of the first quarter, up 46-42.

After Dal's Sven Stammerberger put the Tigers within two to open the frame, the score sheet went blank, with neither team scoring for almost six minutes. The Vikes then outlasted the Tigers in the final minutes of the game to catapult them to the semis.

Lawrence had a game-high 21 points in the game. Grant Sitton came off the bench to score a team-high 19 points for the Vikes. The story of the game was the Tigers' abysmal free throw shooting percentage. They only went 35 per cent on the line, converting on just six of 17 attempts. This compared to the Vikes who hit eight of nine.

Though Dal's free throw shooting percentage increased against the University of Saskatchewan, their heavily relied upon defence crumbled, resulting in them giving up 90 points in the loss.

The Tigers kept pace through two quarters, only down seven going into the third. If the AUS championships were any indication, a second half comeback could very well be achieved. But the Huskies exploded in the second half, scoring 28 points in the third quarter and 25 in the fourth to put the game well out of reach. Stammerberger's 34-point performance wasn't enough to give the Tigers an opportunity to fight to be fifth in the country.

The losses bring the Tigers' tremendous 2015 season to an end. With a nearly identical roster moving into next year, look for the Tigers to pick up right where they left off in 2016.



Bighorns vs Trojans ••• Photos from Jennifer Gosnell

## *Dalhousie residences raise \$17,000 for IWK in charity faceoff*

### Trojans with lopsided victory over Bighorns

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The Bighorns and the Trojans faced off once again at the tenth-annual Residence Charity Faceoff on Mar. 14 at the Halifax Forum.

The Trojans dominated the Bighorns 10-3 in a game that was anything but peaceful. The Trojans were relentless on offence, laying the body and chirping the opposition every chance they could get. It was sure to get the Trojans side fired up, who out-cheered, out-chanted, and even out-danced the Bighorn fans.

All Dal residences are split between two teams. Howe Hall, O'Brien Hall, Gerard Hall and Mini-Rez make up the Trojans, while Sherrieff Hall, Eliza Ritchie Hall and Risley make up the Bighorns.

The game remained tight in the first period, with both teams coming out guns blazing. Every touch of the puck, hit, and shot would ignite each fan section. The Bighorns opened the scoring, but the Trojans were quick to come-back with three of their own to head to the first intermission with a 3-2 lead. But the Trojans four goals in the next two frames were far too many for the flat-footed Bighorns to handle.

It was clear who the dominant team was in the game, with the Trojans having the majority of offensive puck possession and the Bighorns giving up countless odd-man rushes. The Trojans switched out their goalie halfway through the second, which proved to be a good decision as he remained composed through the final 30 minutes, not giving up a goal.

The annual squid made its

on-ice appearance once again, flying in from the Torjan fan section at the start of the third period, resulting in a delay of game penalty. But unlike last year, the squid didn't change the momentum of the game and the Trojans remained hot throughout.

A cheque for \$17,000 was presented to an IWK Health Centre representative after the game, as well as player of the games awards for each team. Dalhousie residences have now raised over \$157,000 dollars for the hospital in the past 10 years through the charity faceoff, kickoff and tipoff.



# Golden Bears earn second-straight University Cup with win over Varsity-Reds

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The University of Alberta Golden Bears successfully defended their CIS championship title, defeating the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds 6-3. Despite finishing with a strong lead, the game was anything but a cruise for U of A, as they continuously had to fight to stay ahead right to the buzzer.

From the get-go, it was a game of catch up for the V-Reds. Just over two minutes into the game, U of A's Jamie Crooks snuck a pass across the crease to a waiting Stephane Legault, who nudged it past UNB goalie David Shantz, opening the score 1-0. At the ten minute mark on a U of A power play after a boarding penalty given to Jordan Murray, U of A's top scorer Jordan Hickmott put another in the back of the net thanks to a beauty pass from T.J. Foster. It was another lucky break for the Golden Bears, as up until that point they only managed a total of three shots on net.

For the entire first period, U of A transitioned from offence to defence flawlessly, thwarting UNB's offensive attacks at every turn, blocking shots and passes allowing just three shots on goal.

Their defensive prowess is no real surprise, though. U of A let in just 56 goals the entire season, second in the CIS only to McGill. Safe to say, they know how to stop the opposition from scoring.

But whatever veteran coach Gardiner MacDougall said in the locker room during the first intermission certainly made a difference for UNB, as they came out guns blazing. After three minutes of aggressive offence by UNB, the predominantly hometown crowd finally had something to cheer about as Dylan Willick tipped the puck in to close the score to 2-1.

UNB was unable to capitalize any further on a succession of power plays. The Golden Bears gave them no room and simply would not let them get any shots in. UNB's top of the period goal went unanswered for almost the full 20 minutes until the last ten seconds of play with a late move down the ice by U of A. With just three seconds left, Levko Koper passed across the net to Johnny Lazo, the team's third highest score, who outmaneuvered UNB's defence and potted a backhanded goal. U of A would lead 3-1 going into the third.

The final frame opened up with both teams, each eager for the title, turning up the heat. Seven minutes in, UNB closed

the gap once again, with Philippe Maillet scoring with help from Murray and Dana Fraser.

UNB's honeymoon was short lived, however, as U of A's Kruse Reddick scored again just four minutes later, extending Alberta's lead to 4-2.

UNB came back again within one as Adrian Robertson made an amazing goal from afar with less than four minutes remaining. His long shot was deflected off of a diving Golden Bear and went soaring over goalie Kurtis Mucha right to the back of the net. UNB was down one, but not out.

The back and forth scoring continued as U of A scored short-handed soon after. Koper got his first of the game with help from Brett Ferguson, improving Alberta's lead to 5-3.

With two and a half minutes left to play, UNB pulled their goalie, which turned out to be a poor choice as Alberta would once again score, this time the goal coming from Jordan Rowley. The final score would stand at 6-3 for U of A.

UNB, the top AUS team and ranked third nationally, and U of A, top Western conference team and first seed, came into the game fairly evenly matched. It was only in the third period that U of A managed to open up the lead, get-

ting 14 shots on net to end with 24, compared to UNB's nine, evenly split across the periods.

Ian Herbers, head coach for the Golden Bears, was pleased with the outcome but not the game it took to get there.

"We had some fortunate bounces and timely goals. It was key to get that first goal. It wasn't our best game."

Coach Herbers credited a return to the basics for the team's dominating third period.

"We started playing simple again. We were hesitant on pucks in the beginning but we started chipping pucks and got back into it," Herbers explained.

Left-winger Levko Koper was right on board with his coach.

"We were really tired at the beginning. Three games in three nights was tiring, a first this year for us, so it took us a little time to get our legs. The third period we stopped trying to do fancy plays. We had a couple good shifts with guys making good plays and we followed up with that," Koper said.

Coach Herbers had nothing but good things to say about the Varsity Reds.

"They were a really good team and we couldn't take control like we normally do. They kept right there with us, chasing us the



entire game."

The UNB fans and players might have gone home without the trophy, but they did so with their heads held high.

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## Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: the 2015 edition

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In 1964, Ian Fleming wrote a novel about Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a flying car. Four years later, the film was released starring Dick Van Dyke as Caractacus Potts, the inventor. Although the car was every child's dream, it clearly inspired Štefan Klein more than the average individual. This real-life Mr. Potts has managed to create what few thought was anything more than a dream: a flying car.

Klein co-founded AeroMobil with his partner Juraj Vaculik. The dynamic duo, along with other team members, produced their first prototype in 1990, AeroMobil 1.0. They went through two other versions

before making it to AeroMobil 3.0. This final version seats two and is neither car nor plane, but rather a beautiful combination of the two.

The wings, with a span of just over six meters, are collapsible, allowing AeroMobil 3.0 to fit on European motorways. On the ground, it has a top speed of 160 km/h with a fuel consumption of 8 L/100 km. When in the air its fuel consumption increases to 15 L/hour, but it can reach top speeds of over 200 km/h. The best part: to operate it you will require only a standard driver's licence and a Sport Pilot Licence with 40 hours of flight training.

"The company identified three possible target markets for their product," writes Federico Guerrini, a Forbes contributor. "Commuters working in a range of two hundred kilometers or so from their home,

business people that don't want to spend too much time waiting in queue for check-in in airports and, most important, residents in nations with little or no infrastructure for planes."

The flying car requires 200 m and a speed of 130 km/h in order to take off, and can land in roughly 50 m. Even more impressively, it does

not require an asphalt runway to take off or land. In the video on the AeroMobil website it is shown taking off and landing on a grass field.

Whether Klein truly was inspired by Chitty Chitty Bang Bang or not can be debated. Either way, his perseverance is admirable and his AeroMobil 3.0 an example of excellence in engineering and imagination.



## 3D printing: Ford of the future

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As the introduction of the assembly line revolutionized manufacturing around the turn of the 19th century, 3D printing is revolutionizing the assembly line into a more streamlined and efficient production process.

3D printing is a general term used most of the time to refer to the additive process of creating an object from the application of multiple thin layers of extruded material. This is opposed to a subtractive process

that is commonplace in many metal fabrication processes. Subtractive processes start with a solid mass of material and carve out the desired shape through cutting, drilling and shaping.

In 3D printing, the designer first creates the object in digital form, envisioning the process while manipulating the virtual model to ensure the physical object will meet the desired standards and functionality. Often, support material must be built into the shape to support printed portions that are suspended or cantilevered from the main object. This support material must be designed in such a way that it is

accessible and easy to remove once the piece is finished.

The process isn't over once the 3D printer completes its task. There is a post-production period, whereby depending on the level of resolution (detail) desired on the piece, sanding, scraping and other finishing techniques might be applied.

3D printing is a booming business encompassing everything from small personal sized plastic printers to experimental biomass printers capable of printing organs and skin. The efficiency and precision achieved through 3D printing is its main selling point; no longer do factories need to waste enormous amounts

of material by carving an object out of a solid piece, or have an endless and ever-changing series of injection molds.

What will this lead to in the future? As technology continues to develop and the cost of the machines continues to decline, we may see a shift in the way products are marketed. Perhaps you will be able to download a 3D model and print out an item instead of purchasing a complete one. The future of this production method is as wide open as the number of possible printing materials and applications: toys, food, organs, buildings... where the limit is, we will have to wait and see.



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