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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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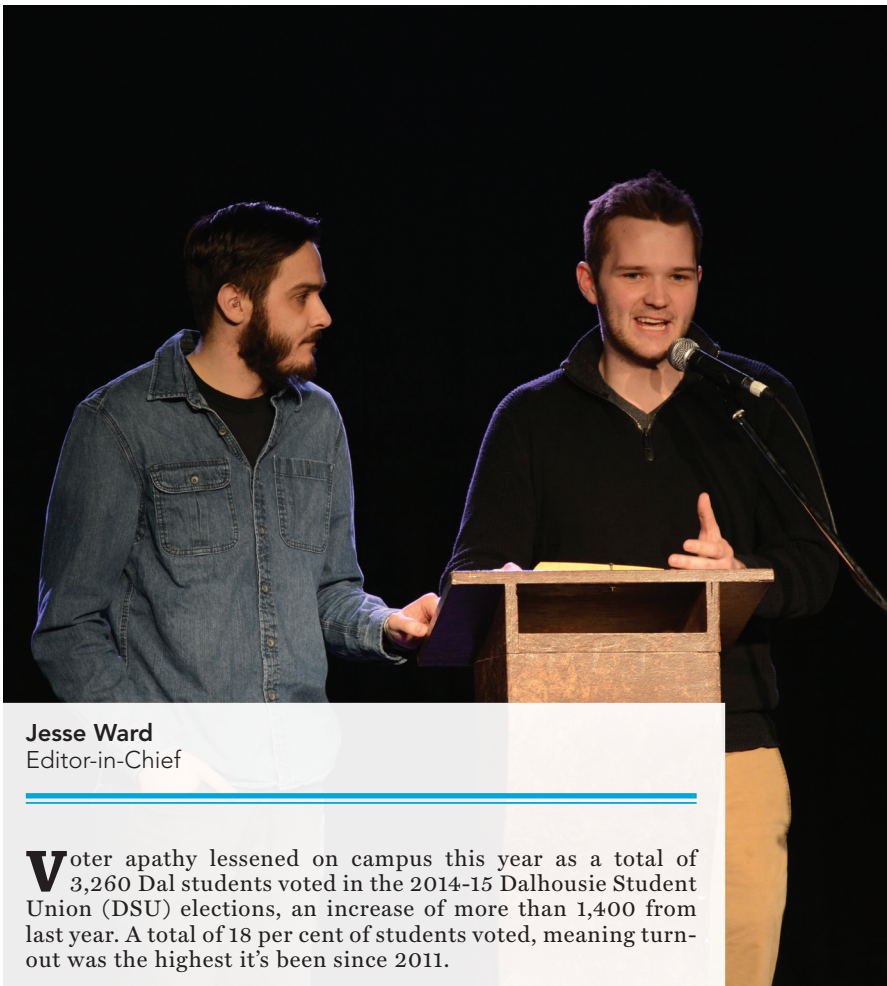
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As an alternative, I would love to exchange unfiltered opinions on Dalhousie, the *Gazette*, or any other topic with anyone reading this. Please call or text me at (902) 452-9273 or email me at ward.m.jesse@gmail.com.

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# Voter turnout increases for DSU elections

## Dan Nicholson elected union president



Jesse Ward  
Editor-in-Chief

**V**oter apathy lessened on campus this year as a total of 3,260 Dal students voted in the 2014-15 Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) elections, an increase of more than 1,400 from last year. A total of 18 per cent of students voted, meaning turnout was the highest it's been since 2011.



Races decided by as few as six and 43 votes

Dan Nicholson, a newcomer to DSU politics and president of the Dalhousie Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, was elected DSU president, beating out current Vice President (Internal) Jennifer Nowoselski by 7.43 per cent of the vote.

John Hutton, current Board of Governors rep on council and long-time DSU council member, was elected to the position of Vice President (Academic and External) with 14.3 per cent more votes than first-year political science student Cody Couture.

The two executive positions of Vice President (Finance and Operations) and Vice President (Internal) were won by Mahbubur Rahman and Kaitlynnne Lowe, who both ran uncontested. Rahman will be returning to his second year in the VPFO role while Lowe will transition to VPI from her current seat on DSU council as the President of the Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society.

Kathleen Reid was elected Vice President (Student Life) on the second

ballot, bringing a year as O-Week Coordinator and two years of experience working under current VPSL Danny Shanahan to the role.

Anthony Saikali, founder of the Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team, will be representing Dal students on the Board of Governors after he received just 43 more votes than Yazan Matarieh, current member-at-large on DSU council.

Three seats on Dalhousie Senate are going to Sarah Dobson, Jeremy Banks and Liam Hunt. The race for Senate came the closest, with Hunt only garnering six more votes in total than candidate Jad Sinno.

Three societies' levy questions pass

A majority of students voted to support the levy questions posed in this election by the Dalhousie Outdoors Society, DalOUT and South House.

The Dalhousie Outdoors Society (DOS) is now scheduled to receive a levy for the first time, with 50 cents per semester per full time student and 25 cents per semester per part time student going towards various outdoors societies under the DOS umbrella and the society's general operations.

DalOUT is seeing their first levy increase since they first had a levy approved in 2007. Their increase from 25 to 50 cents per semester per full time student will be met by a new levy of 25 cents per semester per part time student, with their stated aim being the hiring of a paid volunteer coordinator.

Last year, the South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre saw a successful vote for their levy to be increased before imprecise wording in their referendum question resulted in Dalhousie administration granting them a one-

year provisional increase in funding.

To keep the increase, they'd have to run another levy question this year. Dal students voted for South House to keep the increase, which added \$2.85 per full-time student and \$1.65 per part-time student to the \$3.15 per full-time student and \$1 per part-time student the group already received.

Members of the organization say they've used their increase to double their staff hours, increase the hours their South St. space is open to the public, and double the amount of emergency bursary funding they give out to students, among other initiatives.

The question for campus radio station CKDU 88.1 FM, which would have been their first levy increase since 1985, failed to pass by 4.61 per cent of the vote. They ran a question for an increase of 25 cents per semester for full time students who already pay them \$4.50, and 50 cents per semester for part time students who already pay them \$1.

Agricultural students make enough of an impact to possibly change outcomes

The official elections results as provided to the Gazette by the elections committee saw that 3,260 students voted for candidates, but only 3,229 students voted on referendum questions.

This is because agricultural students were not given the option of voting on the referendum questions, which only affect the levies of students on Dal's Halifax campuses.

This was the first year Dal's Agricultural Campus students in Truro were able to vote in DSU elections, in a move that has been formally challenged by some students after it was only announced they could vote with less than two days before the campaigning period for candidates ended. Subtracting the students who voted for referendum questions from stu-

dents who voted for candidates, there is a remainder of 31, meaning 31 students in the Faculty of Agriculture that has over 900 students voted.

This number may initially seem too small to be of any consequence, but the third Senate seat was won by just six votes.

The elections committee received a formal complaint regarding the sudden addition of Agricultural students to the elections voter pool, but the committee did not forward the complaint to the DSU Judicial Board, so the complaint was not seen and the election results will not be overturned.

*A version of this story first appeared online on March 25, 2015. See this story on [dalgazette.com](http://dalgazette.com) for complete elections statistics and more.*



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## Steep learning curve ahead for excited president-elect

"I don't think it's fully sunk in yet," says incoming DSU president Dan Nicholson about an hour after his successful election is announced.

"After they announced who won, I was expecting myself to get really excited, really amped up, and vocal about it, but I found it wasn't really like that. Mind you, my hands were shaking, I could feel the jitters, but I was more reserved than I was expecting – which leads me to believe it hasn't really sunk in.

"So I'm kind of half-expecting tonight when I'm doing some homework, I'll just be like – 'Oh wow, this is happening.'"

Homework is something Nicholson has largely sacrificed in recent weeks as his attention has been turned to his presidential campaign and learning more about the DSU. During campaign week he carried a hand-held click counter as he met individual students, clicking it each time he spoke with someone new – he says his final count was "about 2,100."

Nicholson, who has never previously sat on DSU council, received 242 more votes than opposing candidate Jennifer Nowoselski.

Nowoselski is currently DSU Vice President (Internal), a role that has seen her work towards a restructuring of the DSU's staff structure, assist in coordinating the Student Union Building's upcoming renovations, and serve as a strong public face for the DSU while the union was bombarded with media requests after December's dentistry scandal.

Previously, Nowoselski served as a commissioner to the DSU VP (Internal) and VP (Academic and External).

Now in his final year of an undergraduate degree in neuroscience, Nicholson says he plans on quitting his current job as a pharmacy technician and registering for next year's courses, possibly in photojournalism and guitar.

It's unusual for someone with no experience as a DSU executive, councillor or commissioner to jump right to the presidency.

Nicholson says he thinks he's going to have a pretty steep learning curve, but getting ready for the role is all he's been doing – reading up on DSU history, and reaching out to as many people who have been involved in the union as possible to find out their perspectives on past decisions.

"I have every single day of April to follow [current DSU president] Ramz around, go to as many meetings as I can, get his perspective, read as much as I can, learn, and just absorb," says Nicholson.

"I'm excited to reach out to a lot of students, a lot of groups, levied societies, and sit down and get to know what they're all about, voice what I'm all about, and get to the same page so we can achieve some great accomplishments this year," says Nicholson. "I think we have a unique opportunity with the executive that we have to make some huge, meaningful strides, so I'm really excited."

Nicholson ran on a reform campaign, citing a more transparent union and a restructured DSU council as prioritized goals on his campaign website.



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Eleanor Davidson  
News Editor

### ***Dalhousie Gazette:* What made you decide to run for president?**

**Dan Nicholson:** If I had to narrow it down to one specific thing, I guess it was just my feeling of not personally knowing what the union was up to or what they were doing in terms of student outreach, student programs, I really didn't know about things that I was able to do. And for me being in my fourth year, that seemed like a problem to me. I hate to lay blame, I don't think that I can lay blame, because there were a lot of other things that went on, but in my mind it's a problem if I've been here for four years and I still don't know all the things that are available to me. I still don't know all the things I've been paying for or who to talk to if I want to, say, complain about my courses. I think one of the main things that I wanted to do is really make it a more user-friendly union.

### **DG: You haven't been on DSU council before. Do you think that that is an advantage or a disadvantage?**

**DN:** Not formally, no. I think it's a little bit of both; it creates a very steep learning curve. Every day I'm taking in new information before the formal start date of the position, so it's just like everything coming in is fresh, is new. In some regards I can see the disadvantages there, I'm going to have to get familiar with all the policy and procedure and whatnot. But, I think it gives me an advantage in that it's sort of like a fresh eye looking at things. I'm coming in to it trying to reach out to students who are maybe overloaded with school and don't have time to dedicate to reading policy and procedure or looking into the finer details of what services are available or what have you.

### **DG: What plans do you have for next year?**

**DN:** I have quite a few plans, and I think they're going to start right away in the summer. Our executive coming in is very strong, in my opinion, and

I think that we can get on the same page about a lot of goals, and that's going to be our main focus for the next little bit, at least trying to align some of our goals so that we can work as a unit or as a team. You can't really deny that in the last few years there's been a bit of a disconnect between the executive, so if we can minimize this disconnect and work together to achieve some common goals I think we could really accomplish some crazy awesome things.

### **DG: And do you have any specific "crazy awesome things" you want to accomplish?**

**DN:** There's a lot going on in meetings, and I know that now they cap them at three hours, and if the meeting reaches three hours then that's it, which I think is a great start because if you're having meetings every two weeks that are going five hours long then that's a little crazy. But I think there's a lot we could do in terms of modelling other unions, and in particular the King's Student Union. They have this idea where if all councillors have a card that they can raise if they have a question about something that was said. This allows the Chair to explain what they just said, instead of stopping the meeting, addressing the question and having to start right up again. Little implementations like that, cheat sheets or these little question cards, can help with the flow of meetings. Of course I can't do that on my own, but our executive and our council will definitely work together. The meetings are where a lot of things stem from, but a lot of councillors are going to meetings and getting frustrated at the meetings. How can you expect anybody who has sat through these meetings to make a reasonable decision anymore? If we can implement small changes, not just at the meeting level but small changes all across the board, then that's where we're going to see some of the larger things start to change and transform.

### **DG: What makes you most nervous about this position?**

**DN:** I would say, I'm pretty



## Presidential Chitchat: Dan Nicholson

new to this whole public eye thing, it's kind of a big step from a D-Level society (the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society) to the executive council of the union, but things that are everyday things for me, like going on Twitter, tweeting my own personal opinions, I think that I've definitely taken things like that for granted, where I'm not under the microscope, but I've realized even now in the last three weeks, I need to be very careful about what I say or how I word things, there's a lot of people looking with all different perspectives, and taking that into account is going to be interesting. I plan to take a media sensitivity course or training session.

### **DG: Dal has seen several incidents over the past few months that have put it into the public spotlight, and have not reflected very positively on the school. If such an incident were to occur in the future, what would your take on it be?**

**DN:** That's a tough one, because in order to address some of the disparities or the problems that we're facing, especially in terms of misogyny or systemic sexism, one of the main things that we need to do is speak up and say "Hey, this is happening. I feel like this and other students feel the same." So, how can we still speak up and still vocalize our concerns without drawing negative attention? I suppose the

best thing we can do is try and spin that conversation in a positive way.

### **DG: How do you think that Dal students connect to the role of DSU president, and is there anything that you would change about that?**

**DN:** I want to have sort of "floating" office hours throughout the week at various local places, whether it's at the Killam or the SUB or the LSC or anywhere at all, where I'm there for a couple hours with a sign saying "Hey, I'm your DSU president, come chat." Someone joked about it and said, "Yeah, you'd be in the Killam but it's not like they could just come and ask what kind of sub they should get at Subway," but if you want to ask me what kind of sub I would get at Subway, I don't care. That's one of the things I really want to stress, my approachability. I am open and willing to talk about anything with anyone who wants to come chat, and I think making that known and making my presence known on campus the best I can, whether it's with a giant neon sign or in any other way.

### **DG: Is there anything else you would like to add?**

**DN:** I really want to convey that I'm here for the students, to listen to anyone and everyone who wants to chat. I encourage students to make it out to the DSU

meetings that we have, I'm hoping to make them more digestible. We talk about some legitimate issues that directly impact students, so that's a good start. Or at least coming out to the general meetings that we have once or twice a school year is a really good start. Just to kind of gain awareness of some of the big decisions that are being made. That was a big thing not just for me, but for a lot of other students, like "Oh, I didn't even know this decision was made in council," or, "Oh, I didn't even know that could make decisions like that without consulting students." Approachability and visibility are the two things that are big time for me.



## Presidential Chitchat: Ramz Aziz



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**Sabina Wex**  
Assistant News Editor

**Dalhousie Gazette: What is the biggest change you feel you've made this year?**

**Ramz Aziz:** Things on the operations side. This place operates a lot more smoothly than it did a while back. We have a lot of our policies in place, we managed to find gaps—and we have many plans to address those gaps in our policy and procedures—and we've invested in our staff resources. I think we made the union a bit more decentralized, and what that means is putting a lot less money into administration, and more money into the hands of actual students, whether that be in the form of new services, new programs. In the new way we handle our budget, like when it comes to facility renewals, alterations, we really tried to disperse those funds over all campuses, just keeping in mind that the DSU is much larger than Studley campus, is much larger than the SUB.

**DG: What do you wish you'd known when you started your job?**

**RA:** I guess I wish I knew how difficult it is to do some projects, like how long things might take — all the different procedures and practices, it's almost a learning process. Something simple, like hiring a staff member, might take months because there's all kinds of people you're buying from, things have to undergo revisions a thousand times, it has to go through board of operations, things like that, it's just really hard. Just how to make some big decisions possible.

**DG: What advice would you give to Dan for next year?**

**RA:** He should take the summer to really make a list of people, and just meet with them—at least once, and just show a face. That face-to-face contact is important. I think to rely more on staff to handle administration, like setting up meetings. I would also encourage Dan to not be afraid of considering things from a deep perspective, like

questioning things. This is the first year, for example, we did the department budget review—it never happened before. Depending, a lot of the recommendations that came out of the review would have drastically changed things in scope, like reservations in nature, reservations in how we do it and why we do it. But those conversations need to be had. You can't do everything in a year, that's what I've learned. Once you start questioning, you really start finding out ways to improve.

**DG: Who inspired you this year?**

**RA:** I think [Cape Breton University President] David Wheeler with his zero tuition campaign. But I don't know anything about David Wheeler except his campaign—I think I met him once. But that campaign was something ambitious. But maybe someone else has inspired me more? I think a student, her name is Ntombi [Nkikwane, second-year management student], she's president of O'Brien. She speaks a lot, she does a lot of activist work, she's a very well-informed student, who has given presentations to Senate, she speaks on panels for everything, from racism to Israeli apartheid. She's a great role model for students. More than David Wheeler, she's inspired me. It goes to show how important it is for students to be politicized and to be educated and to be contribute original thoughts to a conversation, she's really inspiring to me in that sense.

**DG: What are your plans after your presidency?**

**RA:** I'm moving to Toronto, and hopefully getting married and finding a job for the summer, and starting law school in September.

**DG: Is there anything you would like to add?**

**RA:** No, no. I think the union is in a very good position to actually make a lot of big, meaningful changes in the way it operates, whether it be our food services or...Oh! That was one thing I'm very happy about is the critical review of the food service. Putting



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**Eleanor Davidson**  
News Editor

**Dalhousie Gazette: What made you decide to run for president?**

**Ramz Aziz:** For me, as VP internal this year, it felt like there was a lot more that I could do. I saw opportunities where I could make a difference, which played a huge factor in my decision to actually go for the role of president. Next year will involve a lot of focus on the structure and process of the union. For example, there are a lot of opportunities for improvement in things like our governance around communications and our services for students. You hear the term "make the union relevant again," and I think that we all try and do that in our own way.

**DG: What are your plans for next year?**

**RA:** There's an exhaustive list of things in terms of goals. However, a lot of issues that the union experiences are due to a lack of systems and structures. For example, our food service model needs to be re-examined and there's a lot of work on advocacy that needs to be done, especially at the university level. We have a lot of opportunities there that I want to emphasize upon. Also, I want to give a voice to international students, who I find have historically been neglected by both the university and the union.

**DG: What makes you most nervous about this position?**

**RA:** I think that the opportunity is both exciting and daunting at the same time. Due to some of the incidents that took place last year, the union has been receiving a lot of attention from a lot of people, so ultimately it's time to step up to the plate and deliver results. At the end of the day, people expect me to perform and to live up to their expectations. I wouldn't say that that's scary, but it's definitely something that I need to consider.

**DG: How do you think Dal students relate to the DSU president, and are there any ways you would change this relationship?**

**RA:** Even just being in an office, it establishes a sort of power dynamic and a sense of a hierarchy that makes executives inaccessible to students in a lot of ways. There are changes that can be made in a president's behaviour to make them more approachable and accessible, and more in tune with students' needs and interests. Especially when it comes to the diversity

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of our stakeholders: we have law students and medical students and engineers and whatnot, and for me the biggest challenge is in keeping in touch with these different groups on campus. At the end of the day, I think that my job as president is to build consensus and a sense of unity among the different demographics that exist in the student body. For me to do that, I need to spend a lot of time outside the office.

**DG: Is there anything else that you would like to add?**

**RA:** Yes. I have items that I wish to accomplish, but obviously I would like to make my agenda more open to student feedback and doing what they would like to do. It's almost like I never want people to forget that I'm actually a public servant, and this serve part is really what I hope to accomplish in full effect next year.



## Year in Review

# The 10 most newsworthy stories of the 2014-2015 school year

*Skim through this list and catch up on all that you may have missed*

by Sabina Wex, Eleanor Davidson and Graeme Benjamin



## 1 THE DALHOUSIE DENTISTRY SCANDAL

The Dentistry scandal shot Dal into the national spotlight, with news crews from across the country overtaking campus during winter break. The Dentistry scandal resulted from the discovery of a series of Facebook posts by the "Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen's club." The posts involved comments about "hate fucking" members of their class, and 13 students were suspended from working in Dal's dental clinic as a result. Those suspensions have since been lifted, but this story isn't over yet.

## 2 INCREASED VOTER TURNOUT IN DSU ELECTIONS

After a dismal voter turnout of slightly over 10% of the student body in the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) elections of 2014, this year's voter turnout nearly doubled, at 18%. The 2015 results show that roughly 1,400 more students voted this year than in 2014.

## 3 DSU LEAVES STUDENTS NOVA SCOTIA

The DSU decided not to renew its membership with the association representing student unions throughout the province. Throughout the year, DSU President Ramz Aziz expressed his desire for the DSU to pursue independent advocacy.



## 4 DALHOUSIE DECIDES NOT TO DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUELS

Activist group Divest Dalhousie campaigned fiercely for Dalhousie to divest its endowment fund from companies with the largest carbon holdings. On November 25, Dal's Board of Governors voted to accept a board committee's suggestions that they not divest, with a final vote of 15 in favour for rejecting divestment, five in favour of divestment and two abstentions.





# 5

## DAY OF ACTION

The 2015 Day of Action on Feb. 4 saw hundreds of Dal and King's students take to the streets, joining students from other post-secondary institutions to demonstrate their desire for more accessible education.



# 6

## DALHOUSIE MEN'S BASKETBALL WIN AUS CROWN

Entering the AUS men's basketball championships, the Tigers placed fifth and were slated to be a sure-fire first round knock out. No one expected what would happen next. A quarterfinal-winning buzzer-beater, a win over the eighth-ranked team in the country, and three come from behind victories later, and the Tigers somehow, someway, found themselves on top of the AUS. It was one for the history books, to say the least.



# 7

## ACCESSIBILITY AT DAL TAKES "UNPRECEDENTED HIT"

The proposed new bikes lanes along University Avenue will cause the loss of nine wheel-chair-accessible parking spots. The university has proposed that these parking spots be moved to side-streets, but irregular snow clearance and increased distances to on-campus buildings would make accessing these parking spots extremely difficult for wheel-chair users and people with disabilities.

# 8

## DAWGfather TWEETS CONTROVERSY

Studley Campus' iconic hot-dog vendor started tweeting anti-Semitic jokes after a terrorist attack occurred at the French magazine Charlie Hebdo. The reaction towards the Dawgfather's tweets led to his operations temporarily ceasing, but order has since been restored to the curb in front of the Student Union Building. The Halifax police looked into the situation and will not be charging the Dawgfather for these tweets.

# 9

## HAZING MAKES ITS RETURN

It's a topic that's all too familiar at Dalhousie. The hazing bug stung again this year, with the latest victim being both of Dalhousie's men's rugby teams. The clubs had their seasons suspended indefinitely following confirmed allegations that senior team members participated in hazing activities at an off-campus party. This all coming two years after Dal's women's hockey team had their season suspended midway through for the same offence. Yikes.

# 10

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS WANT THEIR OWN UNION

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate and Professional Students is advocating for graduate and professional students to form their own association after disaffiliating from the DSU. In an interview with the *Gazette*, Dalhousie Law Students' Society president Anthony Rosborough said that the DSU is more focused on taking stances on political issues than on helping students.



# Threats scrawled across campus

Hateful graffiti “not a one-off incident”

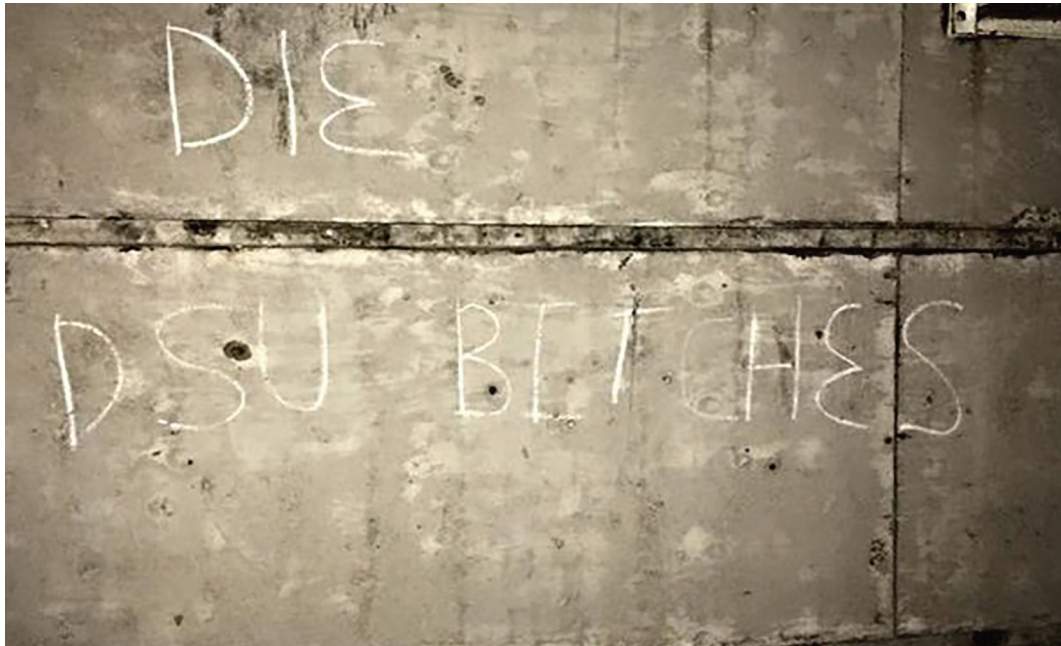


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**Eleanor Davidson**  
News Editor

**I**t's been a busy few months for Dalhousie. December's now-infamous dentistry scandal was followed up by last week's Instagram scandal at Howe Hall, and now by a series of violent messages written around campus.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive Jennifer Nowoselski discovered a message scrawled on the Student Union Building (SUB), stating “Die DSU Bitches.”

A message written in the same style was discovered shortly after on Risley Hall, stating “Die DSU, Senate and BOG. Go Cody and Dan.” The latter half of the message likely refers to the DSU president-elect and one of the nominees for the vice president (academic and external) position.

“This was something very public, a very easy thing for us to snap an iPhone picture of and put on Facebook, but we didn't expect this kind of reaction, honestly, because we get similar things all the time,” says current vice president (academic and external), Jacqueline Skiptunis. There have been several recent incidents of hateful graffiti across campus, to such an extent that the Dal libraries have issues a special request to “Help us make Dalhousie Libraries graffiti-free.”

*“We get similar things all the time”*

“It's important to note that this isn't the first bit of hateful graffiti that's popped up recently, there was also some in the Killam. It was written

‘#whitepower’ and said something along the lines of ‘no n\*\*\*\*\*s allowed’ so it's not a one-off incident,” says Skiptunis.

While Dal libraries made a specific request to rid their spaces of hateful graffiti, the university administration has not commented on the recent instances of hateful messages across campus.

“I've never got a death threat before, that's for sure, but any other assault or harm, that's pretty typical. So it's just important to recognize that this is just one example that was very public and very obviously hateful and apparent for anyone, but this happens all the time,” says Skiptunis.

## The changing nature of today's universities

DFA presents “Silencing the Academy” panel

**William Coney**  
Staff Contributor

**T**he Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) presented “Silencing the Academy; Academic Freedom and the future of University Governance” on March 24.

The panel was made up of James L. Turk, the former executive director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), Letita Meynell, associate professor of the Dalhousie Department of Philosophy, and Victor Catano, a former president of CAUT and the Saint Mary's Faculty Union, and was moderated by Catrina Brown, the current DFA president.

To an audience of about 40 people, the Turk began the presentation by focusing on how recent changes to the nature of the university have fundamentally challenged the nature of academic freedom. Turk said these changes have, by extension, challenged the nature of the university as an entity for the transmission and exploration of knowledge.

**Academic freedom, as Turk recognized it, has four core aspects**

- The right to teaching, as a professor finds appropriate
- The right to research and scholarship
- The right to intramural criticism (being critical of the institution)
- The right to extramural criticism (that exercising their rights as a citizen to public dis-

course won't result in action from the university

“The Corporate University and the Silencing of the Lambs” was presented by Victor Catano, the final speaker of the evening, regarding his recent experiences with the Presidential Search Committee at Saint Mary's University (SMU).

Catano focused on the corporatization of the university, a subject touched upon by the other panellists. Catano's experience involved the St. Mary's Going Forward Review in 2014, where metrics used for businesses were used to evaluate the school. Units were made to compete with each other as a part of program prioritization, a system that he felt to be incompatible with the nature of the university.

Catano viewed the process undergone in the SMU Presidential Search Committee as similar in practice, due to administrators and the Board of Governors wanting “a president who thinks as a manager, not as an academic.” Catano viewed this process as the antithesis of a collegial process, citing meetings that were rigidly controlled by the administration in terms of agenda and content, with little to no opportunity to discuss the process or candidate beforehand.



# International students present on science and economics at Dalhousie conference

4th annual student conference features 21 presentations



ESL Conference • • • Photo by Anna Maier

**Eleanor Davidson**  
News Editor

On Wednesday March 25, 73 Dalhousie students presented at the International Perspectives on Science and Economics Student Conference.

Pairs of students presented 10-minute presentations connected to their fields of study and subjects of personal interest, and received feedback from their peers.

Sponsored by the College of Continuing Education and the Department of Economics, the students who presented are all enrolled in the Academic Writing and Research Skills for International Students course.

"The presenters at this conference include students from the 2+2 China Pro-

gram in Economics who are completing their third and fourth years of study at Dalhousie. There are also student presenters who are here from Brazil through the Science without Borders Program" says Anna Maier, one of the instructors of the course and organizers of the event.

Polly Chen, a student who arrived in Halifax from China in August, presented on the negative effects of English-language education in China, saying that across-the-board English-language education is not worthwhile for Chinese students.

"That's a waste of resources for the Chinese government and not everyone in China will feel fulfilled or feel useful to speak English because there are many people who are not very rich and they cannot afford a high price or high amount of

money to go abroad to study," says Chen.

Iago Gradin is another student who has recently arrived in Halifax. On a one-year exchange from his oceanography program in Brazil, Gradin used Wednesday's conference as an opportunity to relate economics to his major.

Gradin's presentation focused on applying science to economics through aquaculture.

"If you imagine a land, a normal farm, you grow plants and animals: (aquaculture) is the same thing with the ocean. We are trying to show that you can reach good values of production even though you are not producing in a way that is harmful for the environment," says Gradin.

While students demonstrated their proficiency in English as well as detailed

research in specific fields of study, adapting to life in Canada still provides occasional surprises.

"I'm from the warmest city in Brazil: the winter there is 20 degrees, so coming here was crazy," says Gradin.

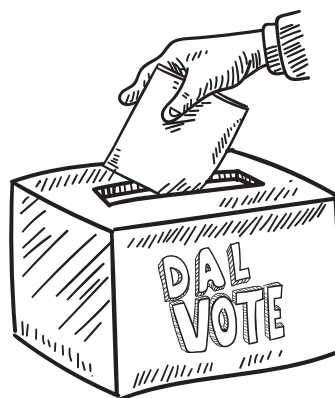
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## TWIST ENDING

### Unexpected elections results offer unprecedented opportunity



John Hillman  
Opinions Editor

**C**ongratulations. You stunned me.

When it comes to the DSU, it takes a lot to surprise me. I've been around Dal forever. I once wrote a 5000-word article chronicling the post-post secondary lives of former DSU presidents dating back to 1960. I've consumed so many issues of the Gazette archives that I often find myself nominating people for Lester's Moustache Club (see the archives section in our Movember issue—this was a pretty big honour back in the 30s).

The point is that I'm a major nerd when it comes to DSU history, and so it takes a lot for any political developments to shock me. We have a habit of repeating certain themes in cycles—external advocacy angst, concerns over the relentless progression of student apathy, and at least a century's worth of agitators (myself included) griping about that unbeatable insider political machine.

So here I was, ready to write a post-elections article about apathy and how we need to get our act together next year—and you went and completely flipped the

script on me.

Out of nowhere, you nearly doubled voter turnout from last year. Eighteen percent—a number we haven't hit since 2011.

Is it time to declare mission accomplished in the war against voter apathy? No, certainly not, but this increase was a major victory that we can all be proud of. And it wasn't just that you voted—it was how you voted.

I've searched through literally decades of Gazette DSU elections coverage, and while I've found plenty of references to outsider presidential campaigns, I'd struggle to offer any examples of these campaigns actually succeeding.

(In the 1984 elections we elected Alex Gigeroff, a candidate whose first act in office was to stand out front of the SUB in a pink bunny suit, as per a campaign promise. Even Alex was considered a front runner well before the election began though, as there were no returning executives running against him, and his Vice Presidential running mate was a popular DSU insider. The 80s were...a different time.)

What happened this year is unprecedented. You elected a president whose entire platform emphasized fundamentally

changing the culture of the DSU. A candidate with no insider connections or endorsements from influential levied societies. Dan will enter office without any backs to scratch or debts to repay—the only demographic he owes anything is the silent, frustrated portion of the electorate that saw something in his vision for change, and suspended its skepticism towards student politics long enough to vote.

I have no idea what is going to happen next, and that thrills me.

Dan has an absolutely unique mandate, but he will have to live up to 2008 Obama levels of hope and expectation. He won this election by striking up dialogues with students across all campuses. According to the interview he did with the Gazette after his victory, the hand-held clicker he used to record his conversations with individual students read “about 2100” by the end of the week-long campaign, despite losing two entire days to the unexpected winter blast that shut down campus.

If Dan wants to achieve his goals, he'll have to put that enthusiasm to good use. More often than not, DSU execs get so bogged down in the business of running

things that they forget the importance of making the DSU relevant to the average student. As important as it will be for Dan to do a good job at his daily tasks, it will be just as important to let students know what it is he is doing.

He needs to think outside the box. Take an afternoon every week to visit locations outside of the SUB. Hand out cookies to students. Introduce himself and the DSU's projects, even though there isn't an election going on. Listen to the inevitable complaints with an open mind.

Some people might argue that it isn't the responsibility of the president to do the work of the street team, but this kind of outreach is exactly what the union needs. Most students I've talked to feel fundamentally disconnected from their student leaders. They aren't going to brave the corridors of the SUB to meet the execs and bridge that gap.

It is up to the executives to take the initiative—to prove to students that they aren't some isolated secret society hiding away in their offices, but passionate people who really do want to represent every corner of campus as best they can. The best way to do this is to open things up—to make their work visible and inter-

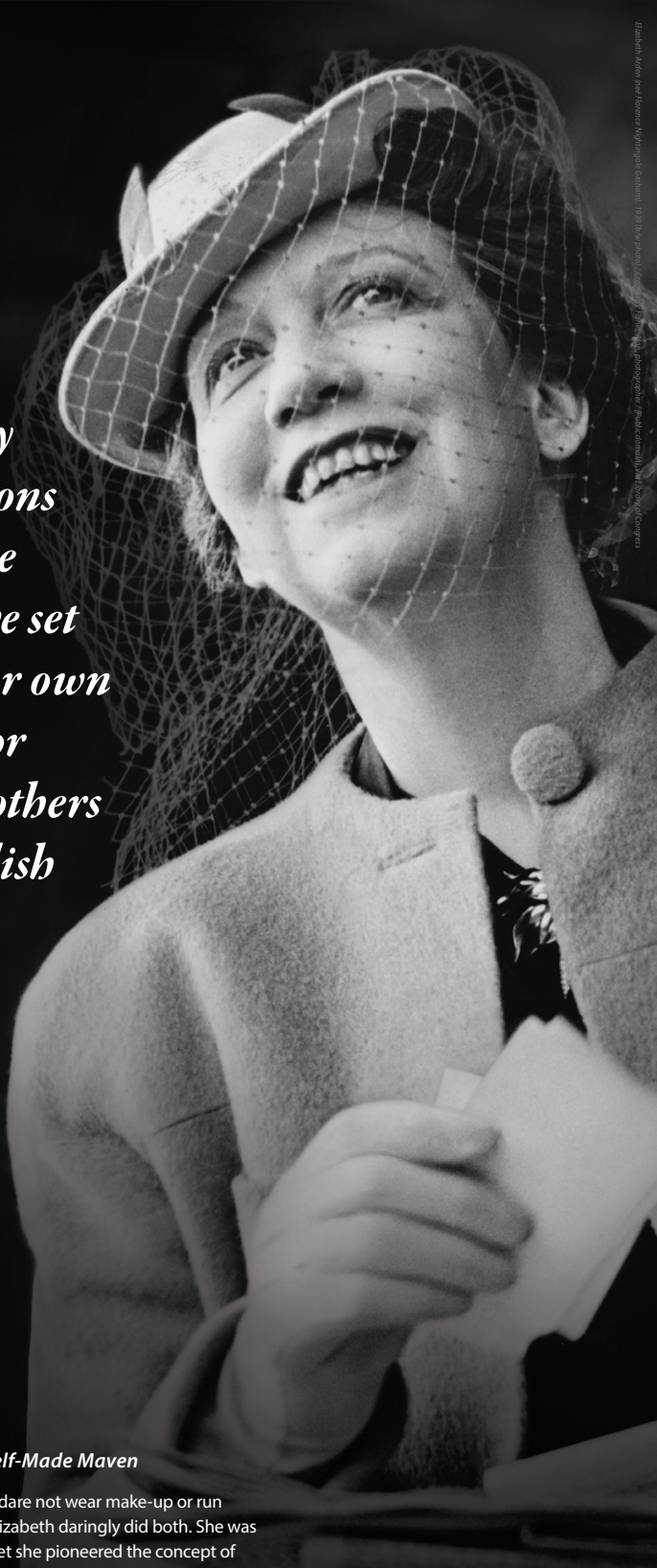
act with their fellow students as much as possible. Odds are high that the average student will have at least some issues or concerns during their time at Dalhousie. If they've already had the chance to chat with an executive or two, they will be far more likely to see the union as a resource worth approaching.

Again, I have no idea how the next year is going to play out. Maybe this year will mark a turning point in the war on apathy. Maybe enough people will show up to our AGM so that we can reach quorum. Maybe Dan will turn out to be a Rasputin-like mesmerist whose calm, soothing voice has hypnotized an army of 2100 zombified followers willing to execute his every twisted command.

Whatever happens, it will be interesting—and not just by my weird Lester's Moustache Club nominating standards.

See you in September.






Elizabeth Arden and her business headquarters, 1915, in New York City. Photo: The New York Public Library, Astor Lenox and Tilden Foundations

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# From the Archives - That's All Folks!

John Hillman  
Opinions Editor

This week marks the 147th time the Gazette has issued a year-end goodbye to its readers.

As per tradition, I'll acknowledge that not everyone was pleased with everything that passed through these pages this past year. If you had a problem with the editorial choices, the humour, or the points of view presented, take solace in the knowledge that people have been complaining about the very same things for the past century and a half. In the words of medieval English poet John Lydgate, "you can please some of the people all of the time, and you can please all of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time."

Remember, as always, September is a fresh start—if you feel something is missing from the paper, we're always looking for new contributors!

**"FAREWELL."**  
Volume 1, Issue 6 – April 5, 1869

**T**his issue of our paper is the last that we will lay before you this term. For the last three months much of our time and energies has been devoted to the duties devolving upon us in our editorial capacity—duties by no means light nor sometimes pleasant. As we looked only for a reward to public-sanction and approval, we have been most amply paid. To those gentlemen who have so far aided us by their advice and contributions we tender our warmest and most hearty thanks, and "we hope for a continuance of the same favours" when the Gazette re-appears in a new and enlarged form—on the first Monday of November next.

We would earnestly ask all our Student friends to use all their influence during the ensuing summer to promote our success and increase our circulation next Term.

Space, that inexorable master of all editors, forbids us saying more. We can enter into no rhapsodies on the subject of parting—no hopes, no prayers, can now emanate from our pen, but we must conclude by again expressing our gratitude for that aid and assistance, which "Has cheered our hearts, Amid the toils of duty."

**"A Critic"**  
Volume 60, Issue 20 – March 23, 1928

**I**n this week's issue appears a letter from a former Dalhousian and an exmember of the Staff of the Gazette. In this letter, "M. A. B." gives us an idea of her impressions of the Gazette and its contributors during the present year. It is rather unfortunate that the letter appears in the last issue of The Gazette as it gives no opportunity for Gazette contributors to defend themselves against the criticisms offered.

The aim of The Gazette during the year has been to express student opinion and thought and to chronicle student activity.

It has endeavored to become an outlet for any literary endeavor that has come to the surface during the year. Does "M.A. B." find these thoughts, opinions and

activities so different from those in vogue at Dalhousie away back in 1926 that she must lament the passing of manners and of standards? Does she feel that we "youngsters" are not old enough to express opinions and have ideas that are not altogether of the 1926 model? Let her remember that most of the boys on the staff are old enough to wear long trousers and the girls to wear short skirts; that some few of us had attained the use of reason before the Great War and have still retained it.

Our critic feels that too many attempts at humour have been published in the columns of The Gazette. Let her remember that The Dalhousie Gazette is a student publication, published by the students and for the students. The "attempts at humour" were relished and openly enjoyed by the majority of the students and, if they helped to make brighter the life about the campus, if they

brought a smile to the face of a few of the students, they have served their purpose. Let them drop into the depths of obscurity. For one fleeting moment they occupied the centre of the stage—far more than many a heavier, more serious article would have accomplished.

We thank "M. A. B." for her kindly interest in the college paper which, to us, has been a sacred trust during the year. We appreciate her criticism but we felt that our contributors who have been so faithful to us during the year should have something said in their defense.

(...)

Finally, to our successors we extend best wishes for a successful 1928-29. May they succeed where we have failed. May they add to the merit of the "Oldest College paper in America."



Volume 110, Issue 26 – April 6, 1978

**"It's not the end of an era"**  
Katie May – Volume 140, Issue  
25 – April 3, 2008

Don't worry, I won't drag you with me on some kind of pathetically nostalgic mental journey about how I went from tentatively writing one news story a year ago to pulling allnighters in the office and waking up to the puzzled expressions of facilities management staff at 7:30 a.m.

Frankly, I'm still trying to figure out exactly how that happened.

I won't tell you how The Gazette has changed my life this year, how I didn't feel as if I was part of the "university community" until I was part of this paper, how I'll never for the rest of my life meet another

group of individuals so varied, so inspiring, so passionate and so fanatical as the nine brave, heroic souls who toiled relentlessly by my side for 26 weeks, churning out a labour of love we like to call our own little Gazette.

Let's not kid ourselves - that last part isn't really true. Sure, I could go through the whole spiel about all the great people I've met here. But at The Gazette, the people don't make the paper as much as the paper makes the people. Next year, Room 312 of the SUB will be the hot-spot for a new bunch of inspiring, passionate fanatics.

Sure, we'll still have our free pizza and our privileged beer nights. We'll still lounge around on our cushy couches, eating said pizza and wishing we had some of said beer,

telling all of our inside jokes and pulling all of our juvenile pranks.

But no matter how much we may want to carve our names into the desks—which we'd never do, because a prank's a prank, but that's just vandalism—The Gazette will never belong to its staff.

The Gazette belongs to all students. Like those of you who glance at it while you wait in line at Tim Hortons, our experience with this student newspaper is also too brief, regardless of how long we're here and how much we complain.

Just as The Gazette belongs to all students, so do its bountiful office amenities. Just think! You too can be an insider and gain full access to the free pizza, the beer and the couch—just dust the pizza crumbs off first.

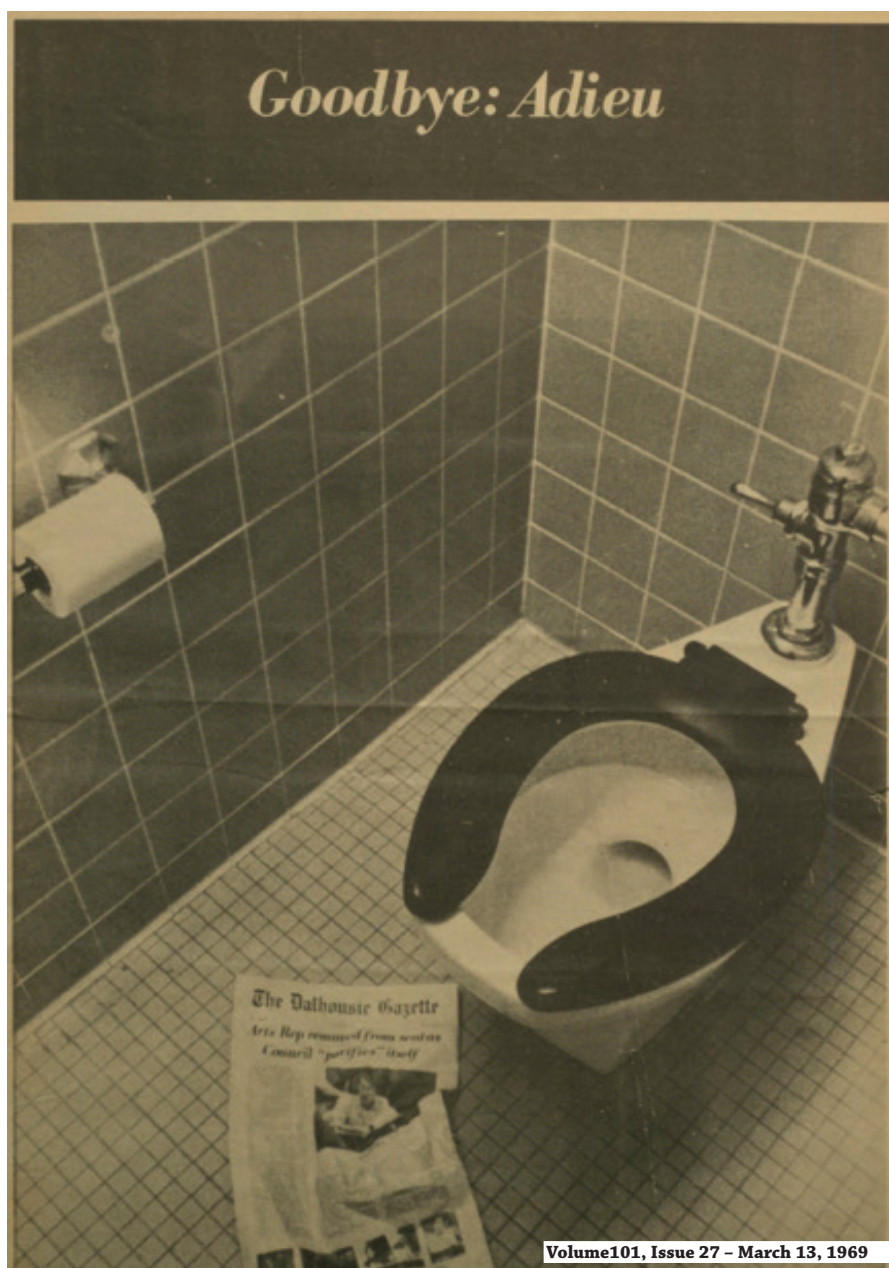
As for the jokes, there's no guarantee. That just depends on how clever you are.

And once you're in, you're in. If you come in and stay awhile, you'll have to come back.

I don't know what it is; there's just something about this place. You can even get published on this page. It's not that hard.

Trust me. I'll be back next year.

Hope to see you then.



**"Finale foolishness"**  
Ryan Stanley – Volume 125,  
Issue 24 – April 1, 1993

It says something about our society (all right, I don't know WHAT it says, but it says something) that we only have one day a year dedicated to celebrating humour, and an unofficial day at that (meaning it doesn't make the Boy Scout calendar).

I don't know whose clever idea it was to put April 1st at the beginning of April. If there is any time of year when most students don't feel much like mirth, it's now, as we race down the Death Valley of pre-exam week, careening into the walls of dwindling personal finances, heightening summer job anxiety and, if we're trying to be creative writers, increasingly mangled metaphors.

We at the Gazette are students, too, and so it is with some wistful angst, but mostly a hearty "good riddance, let's hit the books", that we bid thee all farewell from our final edition of the year, an issue which we hope will lighten your mood for a mere moment, a minute, or an hour, depending on how thoroughly you peruse these recycled pages.

Judging by our never-empty mailbox and our near-empty newsstands, we know that Dalhousie's student publication has a regular and faithful readership in the thousands. Some of the most exciting material that we print comes from readers with a response to something we've written. If you're like me and flip to this section before any other, you'll know that reactions run the gamut from foaming-at-the-mouth outrage to eyes-rolled-back ecstasy, passing through sober contemplation and simple head-scratching bewilderment along the way.

Anyone who writes a letter is a staff member waiting to happen. It's no good huddling over a computer screen, tapping out a mean-spirited, non-constructive string of words (with apologies to J.


Munro) and furtively slipping it under the office door. The Gazette does not require an "Angry Against Society" membership card to walk into the office and write a story, take over a page, or coordinate a section. The faces are different every year.

So, at the risk of sounding unforgivably cliché, the paper is what you make it. One beef, though (which reminds me— you don't have to be vegetarian to join either, but I'll like you better): spare us the head-above-the-clouds moralising about objectivity and presenting both sides of every issue. No professional journalist worth her laptop computer will tell you that objectivity exists. And we're not even amateur journalists: we're volunteers with no training simply trying to provide a voice to students who wish to speak their minds.

And as for the "both sides of the issue" thang, Miriam Korn's page 3 story points out that 90% of the Globe and Mail's sources are male. Is that balanced treatment?

But I'm slipping out of the tone of levity. So consider this a seed planted in your mind for next fall. The Gazette can bring you many joys, and free pizza every Tuesday night. In the meantime, ace your exam and have a sunny summer.





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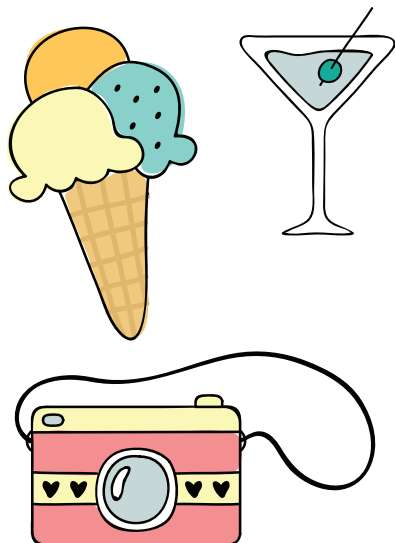
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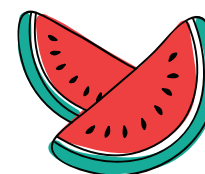


## The 2015 Halifax Summer To-Do List

Looks like you better cancel your flight home

Mat Wilush  
Arts Editor

With so much of Dalhousie's student body hailing from outside the city, summers in Halifax can feel like a well-kept secret. Those who stay in the city can attest to the beautiful weather and the multitude of things to do through the city. So, collected here is a (small) list of festivals and happenings going down in Halifax through the summer months, for those of you smart enough to stick around:



### MAY

**Blue Nose Marathon (15-17):** The Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon is a charity run from Summer St. to the Citadel Clock tower. Sign up by yourself or with a team and select one of over 75 charities to support.

**Full House Craft Beer Fest (16):** So, for the price of a ticket, you get twelve beer samples to spend on brews from every member of the Craft Brewers Association of Nova Scotia? This shouldn't be a hard sell, guys.

**The Adams Family Musical (Now-24):** Who doesn't love that tastefully gothic suburban family? This musical number at the Neptune Theatre centres around a grown-up Wednesday Adams finding love, which pains me deeply.

**OBEY Convention (21-24):** This eclectic weekend-long music fest is a bit of an unknown sensation. The acts that OBEY brings out thrive on the fringes. There's going to be some pretty crazy sounds - including those from locals MOON, Vulva Culture and Rebecca Baxter.

**Scotia Festival of Music (25-Jun 7):** A two week festival of chamber music, featuring renowned musicians from all over the world. Most of the concerts are being held on Dalhousie campus, at the James Dunn Theatre, so there isn't really any excuse for you not exposing yourself to some finer culture this summer.

### JUNE

**Doors Open Halifax (6-7):** Take a waltz through the homes of the bigwigs as over 35 historic and cultural properties are opened to the public.

**Halifax Greek Festival (11-14):** Whether you're Greek, or just a faithful adherent to their fine, fine cuisine, this festival is an easy way to escape Halifax for an afternoon (or two) and soak in the culture.

**Play On! Halifax (20-21):** A weekend-long ball hockey tournament, with 20-50 "street rinks" going on at once. All skill levels and ages are welcome. For those of you with some degree of hand-eye coordination.

**EPIC Dartmouth (28):** The word epic gets thrown around a lot, and is usually misappropriated. However, this triathlon seems to fit the description. The thought of it inspires in me a feeling of awe and dread, which, I think, is the effect the word is supposed to have.

**Ribfest Halifax (26-28):** Meat on the waterfront. Its sort of self-explanatory, isn't it?

### AUGUST

**Seaport Beer Festival (7-8):** More beer! For this beer fest, the brews are being brought in from all over, so it's a great excuse to wet your whistle and learn at the same time.

### JULY

**Halifax Jazz Festival (8-12):** Jazz, Blues, Latin and more! So far, a few headliners have been announced for the annual downtown music festival, including Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings and tUnE-yArDs.

**Lebanese Festival (9-12):** Held at the Olympic Centre on Cunard Street, last year's festival had some of the best chicken shawarma that I've ever had in the city. Aside from the drool-worthy food, there'll be music and dancing.

**Halifax Pride Parade (25):** Probably the city's best parade - a march from downtown Halifax to the base of Citadel hill, where a massive stage will be set up for the day. Vendors and craftsfolk from Halifax set-up booths throughout the grounds, and at night: a dance party.

**Atlantic Film Festival Outdoor Film Experience (17-Aug 14):** Know what's better than a great movie? A great movie under the stars. Bring something comfy to sit on.

**Halifax International Busker Festival (29-Aug 3):** The quintessential street festival. Buskers from all over the world take to Halifax's streets to perform their craft - anything from sword swallowing to fire dancing. Prepare to see talents that you didn't even know existed. Don't be a jerk: tip performers.

*Please bear in mind that this is an incomplete listing. There's way too much going on in the city through the summer to list every event here. Keep in the loop, and I'll see you in the sun.*



*Aries (March 21-Apr 19)*  
The gas giant Jupiter is notable for its "great red spot" - a superhurricane the diameter of the Earth. You too, have been seen to be harboring a "great red spot." An unrelenting storm; a swirling red mess.. Don't be weirded out or anything, but you're kind of a living legend among the folks at NASA. Can I have your autograph?.

# CRYPTIC PREDICTIONS

## Summer fun for everyone!

**Mat Wilush**  
Arts Editor / Divination School Dropout



*Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*  
Just to remind you: love is an emotional construct developed by your computer to make you spend more time on it. I see those offshot glances when you embrace your "lover" - your heart is elsewhere, where it belongs: on the Internet.



*Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)*  
Hey, I don't remember you having that tattoo...did you sell a part of your soul to the warlock on Summer Street again? Look, I know you need pizza money, but you can surely get more than 20 bucks for your eternal soul?



*Gemini (May 21-June 20)*  
Haven't you always wondered where that door leads? You know the one I'm talking about. Just what could lie on the other side? Perhaps it leads into a dark corridor, perhaps to a sunny pasture. There is literally a world of possibility between you and whatever lies on the other end of that door. If only there were a doorknob....



*Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)*  
If you recall, Leo, I predicted in January that 2015 would not exist for you. That continues to be the case. I don't want you to be left out though, so here is your summer 2016 horoscope: Nothing Found



*Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*  
I would prepare yourself for this summer, Libra, as I see an alien abduction in your near future. Cool! Sometimes you just need to get away, you know? You need to see the world from another perspective to see how small your problems really are. Unfortunately this revelation will cost you an extraplanar kidnapping.



*Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*  
I wonder what we look like to insects as they crawl on our legs. We must seem like an endless expanse. All flabby and warm, ground that shifts from underneath their insect legs. Land that bears no fruit, has impenetrable soil. Heavenly fingers that pluck out the innocent and the guilty indiscriminately and takes them God-knows-where. Don't you just love being a giant, Capricorn?



*Taurus (April 20-May 20)*  
Like, whatever, Cynthia, he's not even, like, whatever, "into me." He like, totally likes you more, totally. I bet its because, like, you're a succubus. Men are so typical, you know? Like, I'm a total catch but no, he has to go for the sex demon from, like, the lowest strata of hell. No offence.



*Cancer (June 21-July 22)*  
Doesn't it always confuse you when a product lists "Flavor" as an ingredient? Is there some sort of essential "flavor" out there that gets sprinkled into everything? Its like when "colouring" is listed - what does that even refer to? You want to know all the little details, Cancer; want to shake the hand of every little red beetle that is crushed into the sugar of your Smartie.



*Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*  
Wake up. Brush teeth. Eat toast. Drive to school. Sit at desk. Walk to library. Drink coffee. Finish paper. Meet friend. Discuss hurriedly. Walk to class. Sit at desk. Go to washroom. Return to class. Get up. Walk to car. Drive home. Prepare dinner. Browse Facebook. Eat dinner. Go to bed.



*Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*  
On the seventh cycle, the morning sky will crack and let down the silver rain. The Men of Old will come in through holes in the air and descend upon our cities. The sun will spew bright green light and we shall have the most bitchin' rave of all time.



*Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*  
"I am the child of Fortune, the giver of good, and I shall not be shamed. She is my mother; my sisters are the Seasons; my rising and my falling match with theirs. Born thus, I ask to be no other man than that I am" - Sophocles



## WHY GO OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER?

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Staff Contributor

As many know, the end of the semester swiftly approaches, which means a stressful time as one deals with finals and term papers. But this period is also one which the latest Spring Animes are beginning. Here are a few of some of the more anticipated or interesting series which'll be coming out this season in Japan

**Shougeki no Souma** - J.C. Staff - Airing April 4th 2015 - The anime adaptation of a long running shonen culinary manga, this series looks to be one of the most heavily anticipated works. Throughout the manga, a large number of different culinary traditions both Japanese and otherwise are illustrated perfectly in all their delicious detail, and the early previews of the anime look no different.

**Owari no Seraph** - Wit Studio - Airing April 4th 2015 - Wit Studio, best known for their massively popular Shingeki No Kyojin adaptation during the spring and summer of 2013, looks to be trying to repeat this after having produced a few rather light-hearted shows in the meantime. This work, set in a dystopian world where humanity is enslaved by vampires, is based on a decent enough manga series, but is unlikely to be as popular as the past series of the still fairly new studio.

**Denpa Kyoushi** - A-1 Pictures - Airing April 4th 2015 - A high school harem series, this stars a genius scientist Junichirou who is coerced to work as a teacher in Ichou Academy. Throughout the series, he helps the students

in his class overcome a variety of issues which they face, endearing himself to them. The manga is actually quite redeemable, given that it is harem, taking some of the better aspects of the Negima and The World God Only Knows series, and provided A-1 doesn't mess with the formula set by it, they should have a decent series on their hands.

**Uta no Prince-sama Maji Love Revolutions** - A-1 Pictures - Airing April 5th 2015 - One of the biggest idol series in years gets its third series, with huge amounts of homoerotic overtones, which of course the fans have demanded. While some might degrade the series on its content, a title doesn't get a third series without having some quality, and it continues the Male Harem trend we've seen with the various Free! series and Binan Koukou Chikyuu Bouei-bu Love! from this winter.

**Digimon Adventure tri.** - Toei Animation - Unannounced April Airing Date - Marking the 15th anniversary of the first Digimon series (has it really been that long?), this series is set with the main characters now in high school. It'll be incredibly hard to say if this series will be popular, either here in North America or in Japan - it's

quite easy to screw up nostalgia, and given the nature of the Digimon franchises localization in North America, it's quite possible that more modern practices in translation and localization will not accord with people's memories. This said, it'll definitely be a series to watch out for.

**Anata wo Zutto Aishiteru** - Airing June 6th - Based on the popular children's book series by Tatsuya Miyanishi, this basically looks like a Japanese "Land Before Time", starring an infant Tyrannosaurus named Toron, who after losing his parents embarks on a journey where he meets new friends, learns about courage and what love truly means.

There are still a number of popular Winter series continuing on, such as the Assassination Classroom series and the 3rd Kuroko no Basket series, so whatever you're looking for there seems to be quite a large number of series to pay attention to looking forward too.



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## Dalhousie Tigers: Winter 2015 Semester Review

*Tigers capture four times more AUS  
championships than rest of league*

Graeme Benjamin  
Sports Editor

**W**ow. What a year. Eight AUS championships, five CIS medals, nine CIS All-Canadians, and one national gold medalist. There's not much more you could ask for out of the second batch of Dal's varsity athletes. In a year that started with met expectations and a dependency on the winter teams to achieve nothing but AUS supremacy, the Tigers did a damn fine job.

Now, it's time to dive into the semester that was. To those who followed our coverage this year, we sincerely thank you. It's been a pleasure providing you with analysis of what Dalhousie athletics has to offer.

Alright, enough with the sappiness. Here is your annual Semester in Review.

### REPORT CARD



#### Men's basketball

A+

A+  
AUS record: 10-10 (5th)  
AUS result: Won championship  
Nationals: (Didn't place)

#### Swimming

A

A  
AUS record: First at each meet  
AUS result: Both men's and women's won championship  
Nationals: Gold in 800m free-style for Megan Bernier

#### Track and field

A

A  
AUS record: First at each meet  
AUS result: Both men's and women's won championship  
Nationals: Silver in high jump for Rebecca Haworth, silver in triple jump for Jordan Bruce, and bronze in triple jump for Chas Smith

#### Men's volleyball

A

A  
AUS record: 16-1 (1st)  
A

#### Women's volleyball

A-

A-  
AUS record: 10-6 (2nd)  
AUS result: Won championship (third in a row)  
Nationals: Didn't place

#### Women's basketball

B

B  
AUS record: 14-6 (2nd)  
AUS result: Eliminated in semifinals  
Nationals: Didn't place

#### Women's hockey

B-

B-  
AUS record: 10-12-2 (5th)  
AUS result: Eliminated in semifinals

#### Men's hockey

C

C  
AUS record: 7-20-1 (7th)  
AUS result: Didn't make play-offs



# BEST OF DAL TIGERS



## Female athlete of the semester – Meagan Bernier, women's swimming

*Honorable mentions – Rebecca Haworth, women's track and field; Courtney Thompson, women's basketball*

Pretty easy pick, if you ask me. Bernier was the lone CIS gold medalist, picking up the hardware in the 800m freestyle. The fifth-year Cole Harbour native dominated in the pool all season, capturing gold as part of the 800m freestyle relay team, silver in the 200m freestyle and 200m backstroke, and bronze in the 400m freestyle. Bernier was named AUS female swimmer of the year – a title she's held in three of the last four years. Hats off to Bernier for closing out her university swimming career in impressive fashion.

## Male athlete of the semester – Bryan Duquette, men's volleyball

*Honorable mentions – Kashrell Lawrence, men's basketball; Jordan Bruce, men's track and field*

Seems like a bit of a cop-out to pick the two athletes who were named the Dalhousie athletes of the year. But, c'mon. They were picked for a reason, right?

Duquette has been the face of the men's volleyball team for, well, as long as he's been there. The six foot four, first team all-Canadian led the AUS in kills with 196 (with the next closest being more than 40 away). He also led in points scored per set, kills per set, and only trailed UNB's Tristen Burridge in digs by one. For leading almost all categories possible and leading his team to a fourth place finish at nationals, Duquette gets our vote.

## Rookies of the semester – Phoebe Lenderyou, women's swimming; Sean Berrigan, men's swimming

These two speedy swimmers played a significant role in the Tigers' dominance in the pool. Berrigan, a six foot four management student from Dartmouth, was named the AUS men's swimming rookie of the year for his two silvers in the 50m and 100m backstroke, and a bronze in the 50m breaststroke. On the women's side, Lenderyou smashed AUS record after record, setting milestones in the 50m backstroke, 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley. She ended up winning a total of four medals in her first

AUS championship. Remember, she's still a rookie. Wow.

## Best moment – Men's basketball winning AUS championship

*Honorable mentions – Women's volleyball playoff win over Huskies; Kashrell Lawrence buzzer-beater against CBU*

It was like the basketball version of The Mighty Ducks. Entering the tournament with a 10-10 regular season record, the Tigers knew they had their hands full when they were preparing to play the bigger, badder, and downright cockier Saint Mary's Huskies in the finals. The Tigers' cross-town rivals knew this was their game to lose. But the Tigers understood the talent their team had, and in the final game, it was on full display. Kashrell Lawrence exploded for a game-high 31 points and 17 rebounds to lead his team back from a 15 point halftime deficit to win the game 88-78 in overtime. And to add icing on the perfect-tournament cake, the boys pulled off two other come-from-behind victories, including a phenomenal buzzer beater from Lawrence to catapult his team to the semifinals. Props, fellas.

## Best ass-kicking – Women's swimming

*Honorable mentions – Men's volleyball, women's track and field*

Though there were several ass-kickings to choose from this semester, there is one particular ass-kicking that stands above the rest of the ass-kickings. And that, is the women's swim team. No teams were even close to touching this talented squad, who ran away with every single tournament title this year. At the AUS championships, where it matters the most, the Tigers shined even brighter, raking in a total 466 team points, compared to second place Acadia's total of 212. To say it wasn't even fair would be an understatement. Nice job, ladies.

## Team we're optimistic for – Women's hockey

Apparently, my optimism from last year paid off, as we saw the women's hockey team improve slightly to make it to the semifinals of the playoffs. A team that is constantly striving for improvement, Dal's women's hockey team is on the brink of breaking through. With only

three players in their fourth year of eligibility, this young team can only improve from here. Look for the Tigers to once again make it to the playoffs as the underdogs next year – a role they know all too well.

## Team we're worried about – Men's hockey

I know what you're thinking. Here we go. The silly ol' Gazette sports editor is going to harp on the men's hockey team AGAIN. Hear me out, okay?

The main reason we're most worried about their team isn't because we think they're untalented, rather, because of the other teams in the league. St. FX, Acadia, and UNB were all nationally ranked, and are showing no signs of slowing down. It'll take a miracle for the Tigers to be at their level in just 365 days.

However, ironically enough, the team we chose last year as the one we're worried about was men's basketball. Maybe the Gazette's pick is some kind of voodoo jinx that instantly makes a bad team better.

But I wouldn't put money on that analogy.

# ONE-ON-ONE with TIM MALONEY

*The Gazette sits down with director of varsity athletics Tim Maloney to reflect on the year that was*



Graeme Benjamin  
Sports Editor

**T**im Maloney knew coming into his new role at Dalhousie that it wasn't going to be easy.

But after seeing the outstanding results of Dalhousie's varsity athletic programs, it looks like Maloney was able to fit right in.

Dal's varsity teams put on their best performance in 10 years. Eight conference championships, seven coach of the year awards, nine all-Canadians, and 88 academic all-Canadians are just a few of this year's accomplishments.

For Maloney, the team's successes are simply an indication of their work ethic and drive.

"I'm amazed by them every day," he said. "We're very fortunate to have very good student athletes who care about their sport, care about the classroom and care about the community."

Coming into his new gig, Maloney set his expectations low, and focused on settling in to the black and gold environment.

"My goal was to do a lot of listening and learning, and help where I could," said Maloney. "So from a performance perspective, I didn't have any crazy expectations for us. But certainly, the goal for us in the short term and the long term is excellence."

But it was clear from the beginning that particular Dal squads were special. Mainly, the men's volleyball team that looked nearly identical to the team the year before the won the AUS title. But also both of Dal's swimming and track and field teams, who

showed utter dominance in previous seasons and were showing no signs of slowing down.

And, for the most part, the teams lived up to their high expectations.

Of all the titles Dal teams received this year, Maloney finds it difficult to choose one championship as his favourite.

"It's a nice problem to have – trying to decide," he said. "I wouldn't say one stands out as my favourite. I love winning. But the men's basketball run was pretty magical."

Maloney, who was a member of the '96 Dal men's basketball team that beat UPEI in double overtime at the AUS championships, says he has a special connection to Dal's basketball program. He said his favourite part of this year's win wasn't the banner, but the fan engagement.

***"We're very fortunate to have very good student athletes who care about their sport, care about the classroom and care about the community."***

"When you storm the floor three days in a row, it's pretty cool," he said. "It was fun to see

our student athletes surprise a lot of people in what was really a captivating performance all weekend.

## **Taking things a step further**

We've seen several Dal varsity teams thoroughly dominate in the AUS, but at the national level, the Tigers just aren't found at the top of the podium.

Maloney says that's nothing to worry about, and attributes the exhibition competition the teams participate in as main factor in improving on the national stage.

"(Men's volleyball) had the opportunity to play some of the teams from out west, which is really crucial to their ability to compete at the national level," he said.

For the teams that aren't quite on an equal playing field with the top teams in the AUS, including both of Dalhousie's hockey teams, Maloney sees the importance in taking things one step at a time.

The women's hockey team, which fell short of making the postseason last year, were able to skid past the Saint Thomas Tommies in the first round of the playoffs this year, only to be taken down in a hard fought battle against the top-ranked St. FX X-Women in the next round.

Maloney said it's important for people to notice those changes in Dal's lower ranked teams. "Winning's hard," he said. "It's easy to focus on championships, but it's also important to notice and recognize the improvements."

## **Leaving the past behind**

Dalhousie's women's soccer and basketball teams had postseasons that could easily be considered disappointing. Women's soccer was eliminated in a tight 1-0 loss to the Acadia Axewomen in the semifinals, while women's basketball also fell short in the semis, losing 70-59 to UPEI.

"Basketball and soccer are two very, very competitive conferences," he said. "It's important to enjoy it when you win, but it's also important to keep some of the perspective when you don't and take away some good things." Men's hockey also had a disappointing season, as they were unable to make the postseason for the

"I think there's a foundation there we can build upon," he said. "They're a great group of kids that play really hard, and I think that as we add talent to that group, the future looks a lot brighter."

## **Putting community on top**

Maloney pushes for Dalhousie athletes to be successful in three different components. Obviously, athletics and academics. But also, community.

One of the flagship programs that has gained momentum in recent years is Dalhousie's Special Tigers program, which is a student-run program for children with learning disabilities to get involved and stay active.

Maloney has loved watching the program expand, not just with the kids, but with the student athletes.

"I think it's one of those great programs where our student ath-

letes probably get as much out of it, if not more, than the kids participating," he said.

"It's important for the leadership skills of our athletes, it's important for the kids, and it's also important for our brand in the community."

## **Moving forward**

With all the success Dalhousie athletics have had this year, Maloney said it's created two streams of activity. One is to maintain the success the teams' have had, and the other is to improve upon it.

"The bar's set pretty high. We're always striving for excellence. As great a year as we had, there's still lots of room for improvement."

"It's unrealistic to think we'll win 14 of 14, but when I was here as an athlete, we won 11. And that's the gold standard."





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## Harping on Harper: The research cuts edition

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When most people on the East Coast hear the name "Stephen Harper," the responses are almost always negative. People don't like the man; he's seen as a criminal, or a fool, or a greedy capitalist who is screwing over the little guy. But who has the actual evidence for this?

Here's a little tidbit that should hit home, especially for students of science and engineering. Harper has been cutting Canadian science and research to shreds. Since 2009 there have been over two thousand research positions cut because of his reductions in government contributions to science. There are hundreds of programs that have lost funding, and several world-renowned research facilities that have been

closed.

The areas in which the cuts have been most notable are also some of the most relevant issues facing society today. The list of programs that have been cut or "drastically reduced" include groups responsible for monitoring smoke stack emissions, food inspections, oil spills, water quality and climate change. Four of these five are issues that would cast shade on the oil and gas industry of Alberta if their research results were publicized. Coincidence?

Other reductions were made for the research of the Department of Justice, and the collections libraries run by Health Canada. This is a cause of concern for all citizens of this country; we are living in a time where the powers of authorities in justice and health are being stripped away at the whims of a politician. The priorities of our government have changed into those areas that supply

direct economic benefit. This seems like a good idea, until you consider the fact that those areas listed above who have lost funding also benefit the public.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) cuts were some of the most publicly noted, with the planned closure of eleven libraries by the end of 2015, which leaves only four in active service. The knowledge contained within these libraries has been described as "irreplaceable science," and the closures are viewed as "information destruction unworthy of a democracy." The Experimental Lakes Area, an internationally recognized research station critical in the current understanding of water contaminants, has been closed entirely. Even though its annual operations cost a modest \$2 million and its contributions to the world of science over the last 50 years have been significant.

This reduction in funding for Canadian science has had a greater effect than simply shocking the educated job market—the reputation of Canada as a country of learning is now at stake. Following the closure of the DFO libraries and other reductions in funding, there was an open letter addressed to Mr. Harper from the international scientific community. This letter was signed by over 800 scientists from 32 countries and urges him to reverse the budget cuts. The letter states that Canada's "leadership in basic research, environmental, health, and other public science is in jeopardy." Countries represented in the include Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, the UK, and the US.



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## Where is this "real world" and why wasn't I invited?

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I hear it all the time. "When you're out in the real world..." A sentence conclusion usually follows, but I'm going to stop here for a minute to express my incredulity.

Why do working adults insist that school is not a part of the "real world"? Why do we OURSELVES insist so? I'll do us all a favour and skip the semantic argument that "every part of the world exists therefore is part of the real world," because

1) it's an unfunny, literalist thing to say, and 2) we deserve better than that. I think we students get up to some pretty compelling things.

Let us begin by psychoanalyzing our foe. Why do those beyond the school system think we're all just kids playing dress-up? Perhaps it's the fact that we generally aren't employed full-time. Do they think we don't work? Having dredged myself through the co-op program, I can attest to the fact that school isn't some easy alternative to contributing to society. Academia involves a different kind of work than most jobs will entail, of course, but that doesn't mean

it ain't some challenging shiz. It's intellectually demanding and takes up a hell of a lot of time. And that's on top of the mad budgeting it takes to stretch our part-time wages and student loans to cover our tuition, rent, food and alcohol dependencies.

Or perhaps it's just ageism. I will concede the (maybe possibly true) fact (which I vaguely remember reading somewhere once) that the human brain is not fully developed until the age of 25. But just because we're idiots doesn't mean we're not operating in the real world; we're just making poor decision in it.

We are not as sheltered and inex-

perienced as these grown-ups seem to think. I am a functional individual responsible for ensuring that not only I but ALSO A CAT stay alive. I manage my finances well enough that I haven't had to ask my parents for money in at least two years. I can solve complex engineering problems, and just because I've mostly only done so in exchange for letter grades while using made-up data doesn't make it any less impressive.

Congratulations, grads of 2015. Let's go check out this "real world" we've heard so much about and show 'em what we're made of.

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