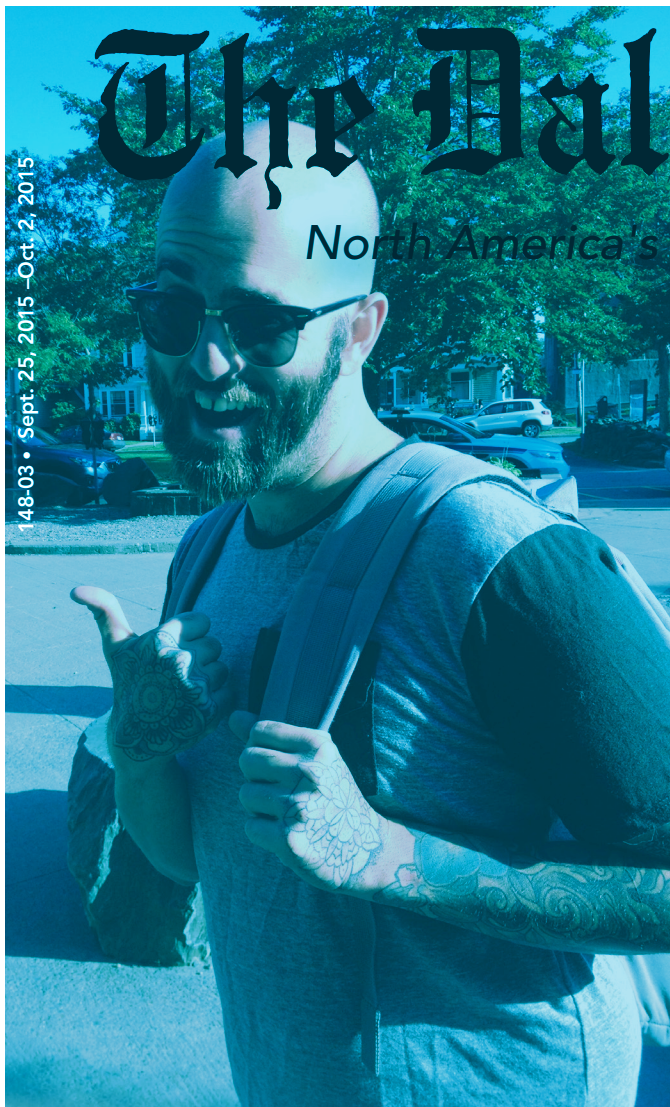


148-03 • Sept. 25, 2015 – Oct. 2, 2015

The Dalhousie Gazette

North America's Oldest Campus Newspaper, est. 1868



Halifax students share election priorities pg. 5



Feminist pioneers still receive
underwhelming support, pg. 11

Dal's role in the Syrian refugee crisis, pg. 4

Atlantic Film Coop reflects on film cuts, pg. 17



FREE!

ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE.



DATE: MONDAY, SEPT 28, 2015

TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION: MCINNES ROOM
STUDENT UNION BUILDING
6136 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Do you have a question for Halifax's next MP? Submit questions in advance to vpae@dsu.ca either in text or video format.

Interested in the campaign to encourage students and youth to vote this federal election? Email chairperson@cfs-ns.ca to get involved!

CO-SPONSORED BY:

ISU DALHOUSIE
STUDENT UNION

cfsfcée

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - NOVA SCOTIA



/DALSTUDENTUNION



@DALSTUDENTUNION



DALSTUDENTUNION

Sept. 25 2015 – Oct. 2 2015

The Dalhousie Gazette

North America's Oldest Campus Newspaper, Est. 1868

staff

Jesse Ward, Editor-in-chief
editor@dalgazette.com

Sabina Wex, Managing Editor
managing@dalgazette.com

Eleanor Davidson, News Editor
news@dalgazette.com

John Hillman, Opinions Editor
opinions@dalgazette.com

Paola Tolentino, Arts Editor
arts@dalgazette.com

Cam Honey, Sports Editor
sports@dalgazette.com

Charlotte Butcher, Art Director
design@dalgazette.com

Gabe Flaherty, Business and Advertising Manager
business@dalgazette.com

Contributing to this issue: Grailing Anthonisen, Quinelle Boudreau, Elyse Creamer, Hannah Daley, Ahmet Emre Harsa, Jennifer Lee, Zack Long, Bronwen McKie, Taylor Olie, Shelby Rutledge, Akshay Shirke, Shannon Slade, Victoria Walton, Josh Young

contact us

www.dalgazette.com
The SUB, Room 312
6136 University Avenue
Halifax NS, B3H 4J2

advertising



Gabe Flaherty
Advertising Manager
647 261 6692
advertising@dalgazette.com

the fine print

The Gazette is the official written record of Dalhousie University since 1868. It is published weekly during the academic year by the Dalhousie Gazette Publishing Society. The Gazette is a student-run publication. Its primary purpose is to report fairly and objectively on issues of importance and interest to the students of Dalhousie University, to provide an open forum for the free expression and exchange of ideas, and to stimulate meaningful debate on issues that affect or would otherwise be of interest to the student body and/or society in general. Views expressed in the letters to the editor, the Streeter, and opinions section are solely those of the contributing writers, and do not necessarily represent the views of The Gazette or its staff. Views expressed in the Streeter feature are solely those of the person being quoted, and not The Gazette's writers or staff.

This publication is intended for readers 18 years of age or older. The views of our writers are not the explicit views of Dalhousie University. All students of Dalhousie University, as well as any interested parties on or off-campus, are invited to contribute to any section of the newspaper. Please contact the appropriate editor for submission guidelines, or drop by for our weekly volunteer meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in room 312 of the Dal SUB. The Gazette reserves the right to edit and reprint all submissions, and will not publish material deemed by its editorial board to be discriminatory, racist, sexist, homophobic or libellous. Opinions expressed in submitted letters are solely those of the authors. Editorials in The Gazette are signed and represent the opinions of the writer(s), not necessarily those of The Gazette staff, Editorial Board, publisher, or Dalhousie University.

AN EVENING OF ANTI-HARPER ACTIVISM

Author Michael Harris speaks at Dal about his book *Party of One*

Bronwen McKie
Staff Contributor

“Stephen Harper is not Canada and Canada is not Stephen Harper,” Michael Harris said.

Speaking at Dalhousie on Tuesday, Harris, author of *Party of One: Stephen Harper and Canada's Radical Makeover*, insisted that Canada's prime minister should not be allowed to spend another term in office.

Local activist group Vote Harper Out - Halifax hosted Harris' talk.

“We have to hold the next government's feet to the fire on reversing some of the terrible big things like [Bill] C-51 and other things like that, like omnibus legislation,” says Harris.

Bill C-51 is a controversial anti-terrorism bill, made in to a law in June. Under C-51, those promoting terrorism can lead to up to five years in prison, and police will have more power to arrest without warrant.

“The next term of the next government, I think in large measure, is going to be fixing these things, if ever they can be fixed,” says Harris.

While the topic of changing government policies applies to all Canadians, the audience at Harris' talk was composed of very few students.

“I want to express my worry that I think there are more people

in this room closer to my age, closer to 67,” one audience member said during the question and answer period.

Violet Rosengarten, a member of Vote Harper Out - Halifax said the turnout at the talk was less than anticipated, and that she had expected to see a higher student turnout.

“I thought, or some of us thought, it would be more packed, and that there would be standing room only,” she said.

The group's main is “to educate people, to inform people about what Harper has done and to give them a deeper understanding of it,” Rosengarten added. “So, it was an educational thing.”

Rosengarten also spoke about getting youth more engaged in the event and in politics in general.

“I really tried to give the young people a voice. Wherever I saw a young person who wanted to speak, I made sure that that person got the [microphone],” she said. “I really feel that they have to vote, even if it's just to get rid of Harper.”

“Even if you're not enchanted with the other two leaders, it's really important to get rid of this person who has really done so much damage to our democracy.”

During the question and answer period, Harris questioned why youth voter turnout is so low and spoke about the need for

younger people and students to vote in the upcoming election.

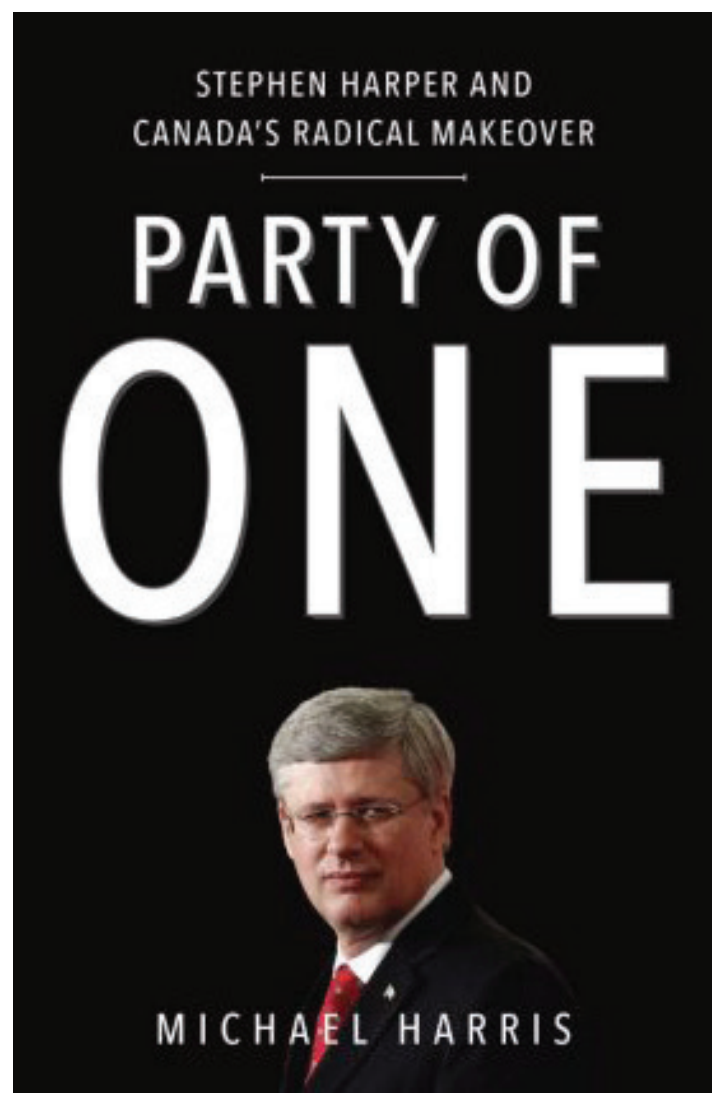
Elections Canada reports that only 38.8 per cent of eligible voters (approximately 1.8 million people) age 18-24 cast ballots in the 2011 federal election. All other age groups had higher voter turnout.

“If they [millennials] seized the moment and they became interested in politics,” Harris said, “they could determine the results of the next election.”

Harris called for youth to realize the importance of political engagement, quoting the old adage “if you don't take an interest in politics, politics will take an interest in you.”

“We've got to give something that catches up with [young people's] technical reality,” Harris said. “If we could do something with their electronic reality of computers, I think we would take a giant step forward.”

The number of eligible vot-



ers this year under 24 years old is just under three million. “Youth,” however, is defined differently by some organizations and people, and can include ages up to early 30s.

Besides voting, ways to get engaged in the upcoming election include volunteering, meeting candidates, researching prominent issues, attending pub-

lic events or listening to national debates.

Election day is October 19, but voting can also be done through advance polls. Eligible voters can call or visit Election Canada's website to register or for more information.

Election 2015: Platform need-to-knows

A brief summary of the four main parties' key points

Shelby Rutledge
News Contributor

With the election coming up, you may still be asking yourself where your vote should go. To help break down the differences, let's take a look at the bare bones of each party's platform and see what changes they want to make when elected.

Conservative Party:

Stephen Harper, as it states on his webpage, is interested in increasing grants for students and wants to have interest-free loans for part-time student workers. Other than his plan for students, Harper's plans for the Conservative Party include:

- Fighting global terrorism
- Protecting/supporting Canada's lobster industry
- Cutting payroll taxes by over 20 percent
- Supporting individuals and families who have disabilities

New Democratic Party (NDP):

Tom Mulcair is primarily focusing his energy on helping middle class families: On ndp.ca, it reads: "Creating stable and full-time jobs is the best way to strengthen the middle class and help families get ahead. That will be my focus as your prime minister." Mulcair's platform includes the following:

- Creating employment for the middle class
- Creating affordable health-care for families and increasing the amount of family doctors so they are more accessible.
- Protecting and saving the environment for future generations by cutting down greenhouse gas emissions,

climate change and to make strict laws on Canada's lakes.

Liberal:

On Liberal.ca, it says that Justin Trudeau's plan "will build a better country, a sustainable economy, and give hard-working Canadians a fair shot at success." Trudeau's platform includes:

- Creating 40,000 jobs for youths in the next few years –5,000 of which would be green-based jobs.
- Helping the middle class by making housing more affordable, creating employment opportunities and providing opportunities for worker training
- Protecting the environment

Green:

Elizabeth May is keeping her eyes mostly on four main issues: economy, communities, government and climate. On greenparty.ca, she wrote: "As Canadians, we will rise to this challenge and in doing so, creating a strong, stable, and prosperous economy today, and for our children and grandchildren tomorrow."

May's plan includes the following:

- Investing in creating good jobs to grow a stronger economy
- Maintaining a sustainable economy
- Creating strong communities by making housing and cities affordable for families

Dal profs, ambassador discuss the Syrian refugee crisis

Panelists all agree that Canadians need to do more to help



Grailing Anthonisen
Staff Contributor

Some Background

Of the four million refugees who escaped Syria this year, some making the dangerous journey to Europe, three thousand have drowned this year.

The image of a little boy, Alan Kurdi, washed up on a beach, became an icon for this crisis, inspiring public outcry in North America and Europe, four years into the Syrian refugee crisis.

The crisis began in 2011, when the Arab Uprisings were sparking revolutions and toppling governments in various Middle Eastern nations. The Assad regime continues to use increasingly violent repressive tactics against Syrian citizens.

Dalhousie's panel

"The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Canada's Response" was a panel sponsored by the Dalhousie Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the Dalhousie Political Science Department, the Canadian International Council, and the European Union Centre of Excellence.

The speakers were Glenn Davidson, the former Canadian ambassador to Syria, Professor Amal Ghazal, of the Dalhousie Department of History, and Professor Ruben Zaiotti, of the Dalhousie Department of Political Science.

The war ravaged Syria, and of the estimated 22.4 million people who lived in Syria in 2011, less than half are still in their homes.

Countries in Europe and North American countries have been using security concerns as an excuse to be cautious and accept low numbers of refugees.

Lebanon has accepted close to a million and a half refugees, despite the strain on their resources, such as primary education, waste management and traffic, and their proximity to ISIS.

"This is a global crisis because it is also a proxy war with international implications and involvement. It will need a global solution."

Zaiotti highlighted the Syrian Refugee crisis in Europe and the Eurocentrism that accompanies it in our media. He explained that "there has been a refugee crisis for over four years now," but western media has "recognized it as such, only when refugees started reaching Europe."

continued pg 5.

Continued...

Davidson talked of “three independent perspectives” that came to the same conclusion: we need to do more. It took four years and the death of one child for the Syrian refugee crisis to galvanize public opinion. He urged people not to lose sight of the issue.

“The Canadian government needs to agree on a goal and needs to be generous and ambitious, but numbers that we can absorb,” he said. “Syrian refugees need to be a priority and the government needs to take on responsibility to find the funding.”

The Harper government’s delayed promise of taking in 10 000 refugees, much fewer than Canada’s previous numbers, is hardly even a drop in the ocean of what Syr-

ia’s neighbour’s have already accepted. In particular, one Lebanese village has taken in more Syrian refugees than all United States.

Professor Zaiotti commented that because this is an election year, this presents a “window of opportunity” to pressure the government promises to act.

What Dalhousie is doing

During the question and answer period, one man asked what Dalhousie University could do.

Ghazal mentioned that in a meeting with President Florizone, the question of expanding the Student Refugee Program to include more Syrian students was raised.

The World University Service of Canada, a levied society at Dal, already sponsored a Syrian student to come to the university this year. Dalhousie may increase funding to WUSC by the winter semester, in which case the faculty advisor, Theresa Ulicki, said that the organization could bring more students to Dalhousie.

Dr. Ulicki also encouraged students, faculty, and staff to get involved in the WUSC. The group’s email is wusc@dal.ca.

“Like so many across the country, we have been moved by the Syrian refugee crisis and are now looking at options for Dal’s response,” Dalhousie President Richard Florizone said. “One of the most attractive options is to expand our commitment to WUSC. I hope that we can significantly grow that commitment.”

Halifax Students Share Political Priorities

More than 30 candid opinions on student issues

With less than a month left until the ballots are cast in our 42nd general election, we thought it was time to shift our focus. We’ve talked about party leaders and about Halifax candidates, but we realized that we weren’t talking about those who are arguably even more important: the voters themselves.

A team of Gazette reporters went to four universities around Halifax and asked every student the same question: “What student issue in the upcoming election is most important to you?”

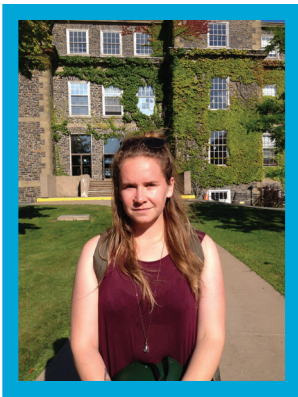
Many of the answers below go to show that no matter the school, no matter the background or the age, students share many of the same priorities, as well as a shared dismay at the cost of paying for their education.

On Sept. 28, the Dalhousie Student Union will host a debate where all candidates in the Halifax riding will discuss youth and student issues. The debate takes place in the McInnes room on the second floor of the Student Union Building at 6:30 p.m.

Contributing reporters: Quinelle Boudreau, Jennifer Lee, Taylor Olie, Victoria Walton.

Dalhousie University

by Jennifer Lee



“Racial representation and equality at Dalhousie is pretty brutal. In terms of aboriginal student representation and structures within the university that make it easier to access services. I think that is a huge issue. There needs to be more systems set up to support Aboriginal students, international students and people of colour.”
– Devon Matthews



“It’s absolutely ridiculous, the tuition fees. I mean, you have to go into debt so much just to get a decent job. Every year I’m like, “Why am I doing this,” because I just see the loans piling up.”
– Jonah Patterson



“Tuition is always the first issue. I am an older student, I went to school when I was a little bit younger and now I am 28, just turned 29 so in those few years, between 18 and 29, I’ve seen a huge spike in the unaffordability of school.” – Joshua Cadegan-Syms



“There needs to be more transparency from universities on why our tuition is so high. Tuition increases need to be more transparent to the student body or for the people paying for it.”
– Mawgan Macdonald

University of King's College

by Taylor Olie



"I wish [the government] would put the tuition cap back on or at least lower the tuition cap so that more people could come to university, because I know for me it was definitely a problem. When I heard they took away the tuition cap I didn't know if I could go to university. I've heard that in Newfoundland the student loans are now grants which I think is an excellent idea and would encourage a lot more people to go to school." – Anna Marie Leblanc



"I definitely think the most important issue for students in the upcoming election is the rising cost of tuition and fees for schools across Canada, because not only is that an accessibility issue, meaning that fewer people of diverse backgrounds can come to schools like this ... it's also an issue of stress or mental health, because a lot of my friends have to work part-time jobs just to make ends meet." – Brennan McCracken



"I think that a really important election issue would be mental health resources, especially here at King's because we only have access to Dalhousie's mental health resources. This is something that affects students because we are struggling with high tuition or having to take on more jobs to pay for tuition and all of these things create a lot of pressure on students. When there aren't resources to support that it creates a real issue and for candidates in the upcoming election to pay attention to that would be really important." – Emily Rendell-Watson



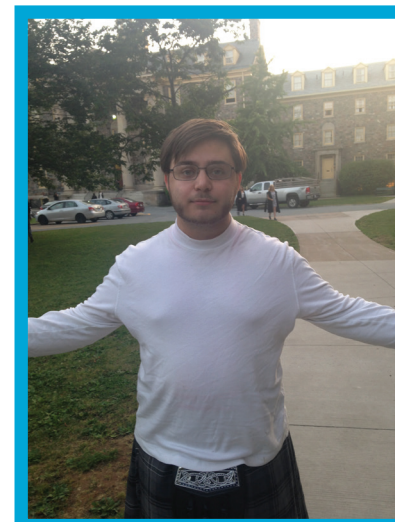
"The issue that is most important to me is tuition because I think all over the country, but especially [in Nova Scotia] it keeps going up a little bit and it's making a big difference in not just mine, but I think other students' lives. You have to pay a lot to be here and I'm happy to do it because I'm happy to be here, but it's not necessary." – Sophie Foxman



"I would probably say diversity is important. There aren't a lot of different ethnicities here [at King's]. [The Foundation Year Programme] is about the foundation of western history, western thought, and it's important no matter where you are from. It's a valuable life lesson no matter where you are from." – Jack Vanden Broek



"I think a large problem is student debt. [...] I think turning loans into grants would probably be a very good investment on the government's part and investing more money in students to get a post-secondary education because we are the future and we need a proper education." – Katie Buckley



"The major issue in the upcoming election concerning students is the students themselves. The problem is that they are always going to demand a program for a job that is going to get them no where after university. There are no more jobs to be given based around a lot of these programs and not enough emphasis put on trade jobs. People need to start living practically." – Kyril Wolfe



"Accessibility would be the main issue for me, both in terms of the high rates of tuition, as well as the lack of mental health services [at King's]. I would love to see zero tuition and, of course, increased mental health services. Obviously, a problem on campus for a lot of people is the lack of accessibility to those services, as well as the lack of diversity of what is offered concerning mental health." – Taylor Saracuse

Saint Mary's University

by Quinelle Boudreau



"Tuition costs." – Rachel Lee



"Campus safety. Having security around – especially at night."
– Nore Arnett



"Tuition. Rising tuition and student debt. We come out of school 30 or 40 thousand in debt and jobs are hard to come by – even with a good degree."
– Emily Trottier



"I'm an individual person, so if nothing changes it's not going to bother me."
– Abraham Rhadra



"Student loan debt and debt relief. Any program like that." – Shawn Henry, L

"Tuition. Take a page from other provinces like Newfoundland."
– Mike Mahoney, R



"Tuition – the high cost of tuition. It cost an arm and leg for four years of university."
– Ben Givner

Mount Saint Vincent University

by Victoria Walton



"The amount of money I have to pay for an education is concerning. I know that in Newfoundland they abolished student loans and it's all government grants – so why can't we? We want more people to stay in Nova Scotia and they wanted more people to stay (in Newfoundland) and that's how they went about it. When you have to pay a lot of money, then everybody leaves, that's how I see it." – Nick Zink



"Tuition price would definitely be one of them. I mean, it's pretty outrageous what it costs to go to school now, especially compared to in the 80's and 90's. That's the main one." – Matt Kenermens



"This is my graduation year; actually, so post-graduation I'd like to see economic stability. Obviously right now they just announced a recession, there's a whole bunch of conflicting things right now. They also just announced a budget surplus, which is odd when we're in a recession. So I'd definitely like to see economic stability post-graduation and maybe taking it easier on students. A lot of times I often feel we're swept under the rug and that our votes don't really mean a whole lot. So what I'd like to see is more attention put on students and all the things that we face, financially and with tuition and things like that." – Joshua Burness



"I feel that the biggest issue is the price of tuition. And cheaper housing, keeping the rent low, because we're poor. We don't have time for jobs." – Brianna Smith



"Debt, I'd say. A lot of people come out of school with a lot of loans and it's hard to find jobs a lot of the time, which sucks. I'm doing nutrition and I have to work for a year afterwards in an internship. So that's not a huge help, having a bunch of debt and then having to work a year for free." – Chelsey Purdy



"Since we're students, obviously tuition is a huge field for us. We pay a lot, I just paid my tuition like five minutes ago ... so now I'm broke. So I would say that's probably my biggest concern right now. A lot of people just get stranded after they've done the degree." – Gabriel Roy



"[...] We need a federal government that is going to pay a little more attention to the Maritime provinces. [...] Stephen Harper has pretty much ignored Eastern Canada, especially Atlantic Canada, and that really has left us in the dark on a lot of things. Not much has changed in Nova Scotia and not much has been created to help Nova Scotia to get us out of debt and help us out with a lot of things. I think that is important because it affects jobs. If we had more funding – a lot of it is a provincial issue but if we had more support federally to fund more in Nova Scotia – less of our young people would leave Nova Scotia. I'm 26 years old and most of my friends have left Nova Scotia, I'm one of the few here. I don't know how long it's going to take me to find work in Halifax but it's a terrifying, terrifying thing." – Erin Murray



"I guess student loans, and scholarships, the fact that school is so expensive. I feel like school should be free. If we have to do this to be able to make a living in the world then why do we have to pay for it?" – Courtney McNeil



www.jeansrestaurant.ca
5972 Spring Garden Road
Tel 444 7776

Eat in, Take Out
ACCEPTED:
DEBIT
Dal Cards
Credit Cards
FREE
DELIVERY
Call for Details

9 YEARS IN A ROW !!!

6th annual
BEST OF FOOD
BEST OF THE BEST READER'S SURVEY

1st runner up:
"Best of Chinese restaurant 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010" the Coast
2nd runner up: Best Server +2011

4 STAR

4 star rating by the Daily News

"good food, cheap, and lots of it!"

Quote:
Bill Spurr, Chronicle Herald



Open (*mind*) House

BUDDHISM • MEDITATION • TEA

NALANDABODHI HALIFAX
Begins September 17

6218 QUINPOOL ROAD
Thursdays at 7:00pm

find us online at www.omhfx.ca



ORDER MEDITERRANEAN ORDER VEGETARIAN ORDER SYRIAN ORDER MEXICAN ORDER KOREAN

ORDER LEBANESE

ORDER INDIAN

ORDER GREEK

ORDER CHINESE

ORDER CANADIAN

Studying hard?
Fuel up. Order in.



TAKEOUTNOVASCOTIA

Your local online pickup and delivery site.

www.takeoutnovascotia.ca

try

ORDER PIZZA ORDER SUSHI ORDER THAI ORDER FISH AND CHIPS ORDER CHINESE

ORDER SUSHI

ORDER TURKISH

ORDER VIETNAMESE

ORDER GREEK

ORDER CANADIAN

ORDER INDIAN



DAL TIGERS
WEEKEND ACTION

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Women's Volleyball Invitational, Dalplex

Friday	6:00pm	SMU vs. ACA
	8:00pm	UdeM vs. DAL
Saturday	11:00am	SMU vs. UdeM
	1:00pm	ACA vs. DAL
	6:00pm	ACA vs. UdeM
	8:00pm	SMU vs. DAL
Sunday	11:00am	3rd Place
	1:00pm	Championship

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Soccer vs. MUN, W 1pm, M 3:15pm,
Wickwire Field

FREE FOR DAL STUDENTS WITH ID | KEEP UP WITH THE TIGERS AT DALTIGERS.CA



opinions

opinions
gazette opinions welcomes any
opinion backed up with facts, but we
don't publish rants
Email John at
opinions@dalgazette.com

THE FLORA SYNDROME

Feminist pioneers still receive underwhelming levels of support when it counts

Shannon Slade
Staff Contributor

This past July we lost Flora MacDonald, a true feminist icon. In the 1960's, she proposed that parliamentary seats be reserved for women. She was the first female Secretary of State for External Affairs in Canadian history, was one of the first female foreign ministers worldwide, and she became the third woman to ever mount a major campaign to become leader of one of Canada's major political parties.

Unfortunately, this last thing led to a phrase being created: The Flora Syndrome. It means a female candidate being promised support that eventually never comes.

I was recently made aware of the Sydney, Cape-Breton born MacDonald due to the Syrian Refugee Crisis. During her time as a foreign minister, she, as well as immigration minister Ron Atkey, developed a plan to help the Vietnamese Boat People (refugees who fled Vietnam towards the end of the war) enter Canada. Her efforts allowed more than 60,000 Vietnamese refugees to enter Canada.

She also played a huge role in the rescue of six American diplomats during the Iran Hostage

Crisis. The rescue was later the subject of the film *Argo* — you might not remember it given that the film conveniently left out the major role that Canada played in the operation, because... 'America, fuck yeah', I guess.

The more I delved into her extraordinary career, the more I found that she was a pioneer for Canadian women in politics, and a great believer in social justice. At first I was skeptical; when I hear that someone was/is a conservative, my brain doesn't immediately jump to feminism.

But as it turns out, she was a Red Tory, someone who has some conservative views but supports many liberal and socialist policies. This became evident when after her retirement from politics she made evident her dislike of the new Conservative Party of Canada, and revealed she had voted NDP.

In 1976, the National Film Board made a documentary about her leadership bid. In it, MacDonald comes across as warm and filled with energy, and you can see that she had a wonderful spirit.

I've written all of this to give an indication of who she was, and why she should be missed. I put it up front, sealed away in its own little bubble of positivity, because



Screencap from; *Flora: Scenes From a Leadership Convention*, National Film Board, 1977

the rest of this article is about to become a little negative.

I'm annoyed by how low of a profile this woman has in our collective historical memory. I thought I knew quite a bit about feminist pioneers in this country, but she seems like a glaring omission from the traditional narrative. When she died in July, people from various political parties did pay homage to her, citing her accomplishments and her great character. Yet it doesn't seem like enough.

Stephen Harper, whose politics she did not care for, only acknowledged her death via a brief tweet in which he misspelled her name. He did not attend her funeral. It's not surprising — he does seem like a petty, vindictive man who only likes cats — but you think he could stomach paying homage to someone who played

a huge role in the history of his party.

She also did not receive a state funeral, which I take issue with. She was a big part of modern Canadian history, not just women's history. Meanwhile, other people have received state funerals who in my opinion, were less deserving.

I'm not trying to disrespect the dead, but how does Jack Layton deserve that honor more than Flora? Yes, people loved him, but did he contribute more than her? No.

Okay, maybe it's not exactly cool to question the memory of a Canadian political star who died at the peak of his popularity. I just think it's important to acknowledge how unfair it is that men like Jack Layton and former Conservative finance minister

Jim Flaherty received state funerals, while a woman who worked for the rights of women and refugees — and whose actual record of accomplishments was arguably much more impressive — was largely overlooked. It's an indication that we still have a ways to go towards equality in politics, and that women still have to fight for their work to be considered equal with that of their male counterparts.

So while Flora MacDonald's death was a few months ago, I wanted to take this moment to pay homage to a woman who I desperately don't want to fade in oblivion. I don't want that to be the new definition for the Flora Syndrome.

GO DOWNTOWN ON THE QUEEN



\$20
ALL-IN
ALL-AROUND
DOWNTOWN

STUDENT SPECIALS ON NOW!

Pay a little. Play a lot. With Student Specials, 20 bucks can be a whole day Downtown.

**DOWNTOWN
HALIFAX**

DowntownHalifax.ca/Students

Caution: Construction Ahead

Capital Projects, Capitalizing on Capitalism,
Create Chaos and Cacophony

Dijay Savory
Staff Contributor

Do you know what ties together LeMarchant Place, the Wallace McCain Learning Commons, the Collaborative Health Education Building, the Fitness Centre, and the Student Union Building? They're all part of Dalhousie's ongoing plan to make construction a permanent part of the university student experience.

Most of these projects are important in one way or another, of course. It's not so black-and-white as Evilcorp burning student money with matches from Big Construction. But to me, a regular student at Dal, all I know is that plans going back further than I've been attending have set in motion a seemingly never-ending cycle of building on and around our campuses.

I understand that there's increasing demand for study space, for heating upgrades, for housing, and all the other things that have changed since our campuses were laid out nearly a century ago. But large-scale infrastructure upgrades should be spread out over time according to necessity, at a pace that allows for minimal negative impact on the people who live and work near the construction sites.

For me, the problem is on two levels: why do all these projects need to happen now, and why are the ones most visible (to me, plebeian I am) running late?

The Wallace McCain Learning Commons is an addition to the LSC being put in as a study space to provide for 20% of the student population. Wouldn't it be nice if the construction on it started before the semester began? I spent the first two years of my degree listening to construction every night from the LeMarchant Place, and frankly I'd really rather not be faced with the same noise on my way to classes every day. Not as if I've got much choice.

The Fitness Center, a building replacing the Eliza Ritchie dormitories, is budgeted for \$23.3 million and was slated for beginning construction as of

late summer 2015. I'd be amazed if they tore down the old building in three days, let alone start the new one. That could be chalked up to bureaucratic setbacks, if not for the report detailing this fact being released only this July.

Similarly, I've heard whispers that the Student Union Building was supposed to have society offices ready by the start of classes — now I'm hearing that they won't be ready until closer to the end of 2015.

LeMarchant's completion date was pushed most of a year back during my attendance. I can only imagine how punctual other projects will be, knowing the track record of many construction plans. Perhaps I'm overstepping my boundaries, commenting on a Herculean effort of resource management and labour, but I'd think that after a few thousand years practice, our architects might know how long it takes to put up a building.

As an aspiring healthy person, I could point to studies and papers pleading with us to acknowledge the negative effects of noise pollution on health, and could observe that a handful of buildings being constructed all across campus could be a form of that.

But perhaps I should leave that correlation to an ambitious graduate student somewhere to study, and watch them run into the wall of groups who would rather see 'modernized' sports equipment and study tools around campus.

A constant parade of shiny things is best, even if the constant cacophony of construction has turned this campus into a never-ending Stomp performance, right?

From the Archives - Political Visitors

John Hillman
Opinions Editor

Dalhousie has a history of hosting politicians

On September 28, the Dalhousie Student Union will be hosting an all-candidates debate on youth and student issues in the McInnis room on the second floor of the DSU. You should definitely attend.

To salute the brave politicians who are about grace our campus, we've compiled an archives section chronicling some of the other political visits Dalhousie has hosted over the years. Based on past events, it's hard to say what sort of welcome the debaters should expect — students' reactions to our guests have ranged from a "deafening ovation" for soon to be Prime Minister R.B. Bennett in 1928, to the "snickering" of "erudite lawyer types" upon the arrival of feisty Newfoundland premier Joey Smallwood in 1963.

(Any debate participants reading this may want to pay special attention to the all-candidates debate of 1988, which featured the "constant heckling" of a student union-sponsored protest at the student union-sponsored debate.)



candidate Stewart McInnes, Liberal Mary Clancy, NDP Ray Larkin and Communist Party Miguel Figueroa, questions were taken from the audience.

"Still bubbling, Stew!" was one sardonic interruption from the audience as McInnes gave a short review of his past accomplishments, including the Halifax harbourfront clean-up project of which he said he was "quite proud."

Hecklers were out in full force, directing themselves each time to McInnes as various issues were addressed, including Canada's role in NATO, in international development and in research and development spending.

Asked where the Liberal Party would find the billions of dollars needed to fulfill election promises, Clancy replied they would "find the money in the budget after the Liberal Party is elected."

Wage parity was high on the agenda of a group of dockworkers who attended the meeting. With three separate questions

they attempted to have McInnes explain why after he had promised change, east coast workers were still earning \$3.36 less per hour than their west coast counterparts.

McInnes replied that the wage gap "would be narrowed by one third," a response which brought cries of "liar!" from the workers.

By now frustrated by the constant heckling, the moderator, DSU Treasurer Frank DeMont yelled back, "If you think he's a liar, you don't have to vote for him, but let him speak!"

When asked about their parties' future relationship with US President-elect George Bush, McInnes replied the Conservatives "don't have to kowtow, but we have to recognize the reality of the USA as a big power." NDP candidate Larkin took the opportunity to voice the first Free Trade opinion of the evening with "yes, let's face reality, but let's get out of the free trade deal while we can." Liberal candidate Clancy stated that Canadians have to face Americans as independents, "from the other side of

the fence."

All candidates were sympathetic in their responses when asked what improvements their Parties would make to the Canada Student Loan Program. Clancy and Larkin were "committed to an overhaul of the system," while McInnes told the audience to "look to considerable relief from our party program."

Miguel Figueroa expressed a more detailed solution to the problem, stating that "(Communists) would get rid of the loans system, and implement an all-grant program."

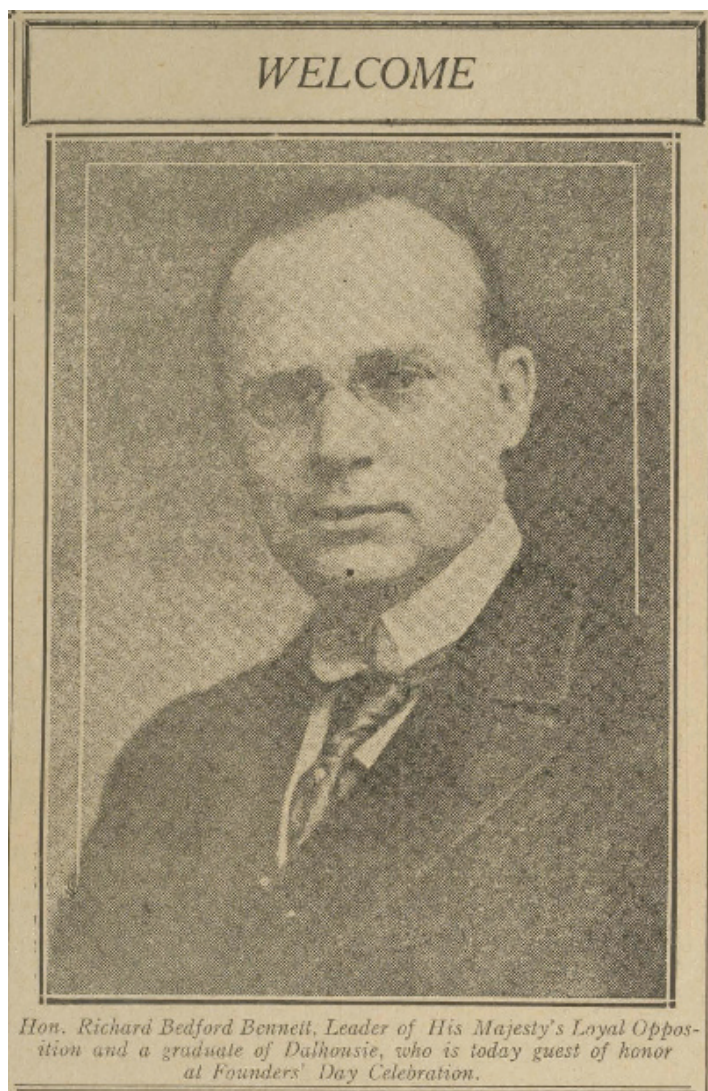
Students: "Hey, Stew, watcha gonna do?!" – Karin Bergen – Volume 121, Issue 9 – November 16, 1988

Verses were chanted, slogans yelled and placards displayed by a large group of concerned students last Thursday night at the all-candidates meeting held at Dalhousie. The students were there as part of a student union sponsored

protest to demand action of the candidates present to bring the strike to a quick end. "Legislate to educate" often echoed this concern in the hall.

The Dalhousie Faculty Association's strike was not directly addressed during the meeting's question period, but it was given sympathetic attention in all the candidates' opening statements.

Following these speeches by PC



"University Gives R.B. Bennett Rousing Welcome" – Volume 60, Issue 19 – March 16, 1928

Dalhousie's first Founders' Day Celebration, held a week ago today, was, without doubt, an unqualified success. We were especially fortunate in having with us our most distinguished graduate Hon. R. B. Bennett, leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

The ceremony took place in the Gymnasium where every available inch of space was used to accommodate those present. Long before the beginning of the program the hall began to fill rapidly and when the time came to start hardly a seat was left in the building.

The program proper did not commence until eight o'clock but from half past seven, a half-hour was devoted to group singing of the college songs, led by the Choral Society and accompanied by the Dalhousie Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sina S. Singer.

On the platform were, the Governors of the University, the Faculty, and members of the Students' Council, in their academic robes, the Premier of Nova Scotia, members of the cabinet, the Mayor of Halifax, members of the Supreme Court, representatives of sister universities, and various other friends of Dalhousie. As the academic party and friends proceeded to the platform the orchestra played the War March of the Priests from Athalia, and, when Mr. Bennett himself appeared the students rose to their feet and made the gym ring with a Dal yell.

Mr. G. Fred Pearson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, acted as chairman for the evening and first called Dr. Strachan of Edinburgh to open the ceremony with prayer. Next the orchestra played a selection from Tannhauser after which the entire assembly sang Glory for Dalhousie.

Mr. Pearson then made a few introductory remarks. He thanked the board for selecting him as their chairman and made a touching reference to his predecessor, the late Mr. George S. Campbell. Mr. Pearson then went on to speak of Mr. Bennett. The Conservative party deserved the greatest credit, said Mr. Pearson, in choosing Mr. Bennett as their leader. (Cheers).

He is a distinguished lawyer and a distinguished Dalhousian. He has shown in the past that of all his many interests, Dalhousie is one of the nearest and dearest to him. (...)

Next, J. Gerald Godsoe, President of the Students' Council presented Mr. Bennett, on behalf of the student body with an illuminated address.

Mr. Justice Russell, who had been one of Mr. Bennett's professors at the Law School, was given the honor of introducing the speaker. With his characteristic wit he welcomed Mr. Bennett and assured him that all Dalhousie, no matter what their politics, would wish him the greatest success in his political career. Mr. Justice Russell was vigorously applauded by the students who stamped and cheered enthusiastically.

Mr. Bennett then rose, and after a deafening ovation, delivered the finest speech that has been heard in the gymnasium for years. (...)

Mr. Bennett brought down the house with his address and the crowd applauded even more vigorously than they had done when he started. Dean Llwyd of All Saints Cathedral then pronounced the benediction after which the assembly sang the National Anthem.

This closed the program proper, but many stayed to listen to the final selection of the orchestra and to meet Mr. Bennett.

"Smallwood Witty, Jovial" – Gus Visman – Volume 95, Issue 16 – February 6, 1963

"I have a non-ending appetite to stay in power," confided Newfoundland's Joey Smallwood with characteristic modesty.

Arriving a half-hour late to address a packed mob in Room 21 last week, the fiery premier entered to the strains of a "We want Cashin" chant, organized by some of the more erudite lawyer types snickering bravely in the front row. Smallwood promptly responded with an aimable discourse on his perennial enemies on the Newfoundland political scene. Commenting on Richard Cashin, who turned Liberal after graduating in Law from Dalhou-

sie two years ago, Joey stated: "He is an exciting fellow. He is the most decent, the most civilized man, that I have met; yet tough and realistic without being cynical. And yet, he is as idealistic as a baby."

Smallwood felt that the latest Cashin differed from his progenitors only in that he had picked up an education. From this he generalized that one of the most important functions of the universities is to bring forth the radical and rebellious elements in human nature. "If at the age of twenty five or thirty you aren't a radical, a flaming revolutionary, God what a stinking Tory you will be at fifty!" exclaimed Smallwood.



PoSitics – Week 2: The NDP

Hey NDP Socialist Caucus – turn those frowns upside down!

John Dingwell
Opinions Contributor

Welcome to PoSitics. This special Gazette feature seeks to present a positive, upbeat analysis of each party's platform so that Dalhousie students can approach the upcoming election with an appropriate sense of hope. We want students heading to the polls debating which party they WANT to vote for, not agonizing over who scares them the least. Surely things can't be as discouraging as we've been led to believe... right?

Well gang, we survived our First Contact with the Conservative platform last week, and I'm proud to say that even though there we moments we seemed to be heading Into Darkness, we managed to keep our "Facers" set to smile. (Get it? Star Trek references! Who says politics can't be fun?)

This week we come to the New Democrats, the party that earned the second most seats in the 2011 elections.

Since the start of the campaign period, the NDP have unleashed a torrent of big-ticket promises to pretty much any segment of the population that contains at least one voter with a pulse and a photo ID. They surprisingly haven't yet released any platform planks specifically dealing with post-secondary education, but they have made commitments to young Canadians. They've promised to create 40,000 jobs, paid

internships and coop placements for young Canadians, and to protect young workers by cracking down on unpaid internships.

Some Negative-Nellie economists have questioned the effectiveness of these promises, suggesting that the tax increases the NDP have proposed to pay for their generous platform would in fact cost the economy upwards of 250,000 jobs – but PoSitics is not the column to dwell on such pessimism.

Who even cares about lost jobs anyway when we can get PAID internships and co-op placements?

Yes, we'll back on the streets six months after we graduate, and sure, losing another 250,000 jobs would transform our already shaky job-market into a Mad-Max-esque opportunity wasteland.

Still, let's focus on the bright side – an additional 40,000 of us will have just the sort of real-world experience needed to land one of the wasteland's coveted new positions. Remember, no matter how bad things get, Immortan Joe is always looking for the next Bullet-Farmer or Emperor Furiosa!

The good news doesn't end with the internship promises either. While they are the only commitments specifically aimed at students and youth, we'll also enjoy the fruits of some of the NDP's other promises. Take the

\$15/hour federal minimum wage – how awesome would that be?

Granted, most of us won't see a penny of it, since it only applies to crown corporations and federally regulated industries, but things will definitely be looking up for any students among the 1 per cent or so of minimum-wage earners working in federally regulated industries like railroads, airlines, banking, or uranium mining!

For the other 99 per cent of us who haven't been able to land any part-time, minimum-wage uranium-mining gigs, there's still plenty to get excited for in a potential NDP government. While it's true that the NDP has been tracking towards the center this election cycle, this certainly isn't a reason to panic.

I mean, would it have been encouraging if the NDP hadn't quietly deleted the membership-approved policy book that affirmed their commitment to reduce post secondary education costs and relieve student debt?

Perhaps.

Might we have preferred it if Mulcair hadn't proudly declared that he does not believe in free tuition for university students?

Maybe.

Would we have a little more hope that this was all just a misunderstanding if the NDP hadn't

guaranteed balanced budgets beginning their first year in office, a promise that all but extinguishes any hope for additional progressive programs outside of the specifically costed promises in the election platform?

Well ... yes ... but negativity won't get us anywhere!

Let's not forget, the NDP is only doing what is necessary in order to achieve power. You can't win a Canadian election without occupying the political center. The same thing happened here in Nova Scotia, and that worked out, right? Remember how exciting it was when Darrell Dexter's NDP swept to power? Now that was a real victory for students.

For years in opposition, Dexter's provincial NDP told us how much they valued students, and golly, when the time came to back up their words with action, they sure delivered.

Take my degree program – law. Before the NDP came to power, those crafty PCs suppressed the value of law students through caps and freezes on tuition increases. It's hard to imagine imagine the shame past law students felt when they inspected their tuition invoices each semester and realized that the university thought the knowledge they were working so hard to learn was only worth about \$11,000 per year.

The NDP wasn't about to

stand for that. The party stuck it to university administrations from their very first budget, slashing post-secondary funding and freeing law students from the tyranny of tuition caps. Dalhousie had no choice but to recognize the true value of our degree. By the time I started law school in 2013, that once shamefully low tuition had shot all the way up to \$16,870 per year!

This jump in tuition has changed everything. Now, whenever it's a rainy day and some university administration fat-cat rolls through a nearby puddle in his fully loaded Mercedes Benz, I can wipe the muck from my face and proudly stare him down as he roars away. He may assume he's better than me because I can't afford an umbrella, or because I'm so broke that I'm forced to keep the ratty, ill-fitting Queens of the Stone Age t-shirt I got for Christmas 2005 in my wardrobe rotation – but I take comfort knowing that the market values my education more than his luxury car, tailored suit, and stupid, elitist umbrella combined. Talk about a confidence booster!

So stay positive, friends – it's a tight three-way race, and the NDP are in the thick of it. If Mulcair keeps charting the same center-bound course that Dexter did for our provincial NDP, then Canada might only be three short weeks away from electing its first truly student-friendly socialist orange governing party!



Photo • • • NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair scales Ottawa's Peace Tower in an effort to locate remaining voters to whom he has not yet made big-ticket election promises.



Ottawa Sound, Halifax Stage

A review of Hollerado's Newest Album

Elyse Creamer
Arts Contributor

Dal fest is a staple in student life at Dalhousie University, and has previously hosted artists such as Shad and Hey Rosetta!. On Saturday, September 19, Hollerado made their way to the Dal Fest stage.

These Ottawa natives recently released their newest album 111 Songs, a new project that stems from their love of their fans. Each song is customized and based loosely around a few facts that fans have sent to the band.

The title track, Fireflies, is an upbeat pop-infused indie rock anthem which is sure to have everyone singing along. The

opening guitar is a reminder that this band got its start from their unique blend of indie and rock. This track showcases the progression of the band, not only in their sound, but also the way in which they write, produce and create songs.

If it is Love takes you right back to the roots of this band, and is comparable to the sounds of Hollerado's first album Record in a Bag. The song has a rock/folk melody which is enhanced by the amazing drumming styles of Jake Boyd.

***The balance between
controlled chaos and the***

***more calculated slow
tempo areas creates
a flow that highlights
the guitar effects and
tightness of the overall
track.***

Synth-pop or synth-rock is a recent trend in the indie music scene and has grown in popularity over all genres. Coming Down has a dream-like opening that leads into a steady beat, underneath the

almost choir-like vocals. As the song continues a funk beat is brought in by the bass and highlighted by vocals that reflect the urban and funk beat.

Steady Hand exemplifies the heavy guitar that Hollerado is known for, but contrasts it with the light pop beat that is at the base of this catchy tune. The track features lyrics that pull you in and a rhythm section that ties everything together in a pretty unique way.

111 Songs is the perfect combination of doing things the way they have always been done, and finding new inspiration and sounds from looking at music and why one creates music in a different way.

MOVIE REVIEWS



Leon, The Professional, 1994

Akshay Shirke
Staff Contributor

“Revenge is not a good thing, it’s better to forget.” – Leon

Leon: The Professional is a crime drama written and directed by the French director, Luc Besson. It stars Jean Reno, Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman, and follows the titular character Leon (Reno), an expert assassin who lives a solitary life in New York City. His world gets a little more complicated when he reluctantly takes charge of Mathilda (Portman), a twelve-year-old girl, after her family is murdered.

By including some truly stellar visual storytelling moments, Besson’s script and direction do a remarkable job of expressing a story about growth and forgiveness. There were a few times where I felt that the score was a little intrusive and it took away from the emotion of the scene.

The performances are what elevate Leon. Jean Reno plays the deadly hitman with a heart to near perfection in one of the most subtly vulnerable performances I have ever seen. Natalie Portman (who was eleven when she was cast) kills it as Mathilda. Do child performances get any

better than this? Nope.

There is no way I can finish this review without talking about Norman Stansfield: the primary antagonist played by Gary Oldman, who is at his pure psychotic best.

He definitely deserved more screen time. Maybe even all of it.

If you’re looking for a warm story about a symbiotic relationship between two very contrasting individuals, with some bullets and bloodshed, give Leon: The Professional a call. He’ll be sure to get the job done, capiche?



Black Mass, 2014

Zack Long
Arts Contributor

Black Mass stars an all-star cast – including Johnny Depp, Joel Edgerton, and Benedict Cumberbatch – and strives to tell the story of real-life gangster James “Whitey” Bulger. The film aims to tell the story of how Whitey (Johnny Depp) formed an alliance with FBI agent John Connolly (Joel Edgerton) which allowed Whitey to rise to the top of the underworld food chain, and lead to the arrest of La Cosa Nosta members in Boston.

But does it really succeed at what it aims for?

In the film, Connolly finds out that La Cosa Nosta plans to kill Whitey, and approaches his brother, Billy Bulger (Benedict Cumberbatch), in an attempt to reach Whitey and offer him protection under the guise of an FBI informant. With their alliance made, the film follows Whitey’s rise in the underworld through a series of vignettes.

The almost random and wandering structure of the film leaves the audience with more questions about Whitey (and the rest of his gang, which is horribly underrepresented) than it answers. Whitey’s life would work far better as a television series than as a film.

Despite the problems with the narrative of the film, it does have positive attributes.

The score by Junkie XL adds depth to scenes without bringing attention to itself. Cinematographer Masanobu Takayanagi’s touch brings a loving, yet dark, feel to film. A palate of yellow and blue gives an unsettling touch to scenes, making locations typically seen as happy, like family kitchens and dinners, become places that are boiling over with unspoken resentment.

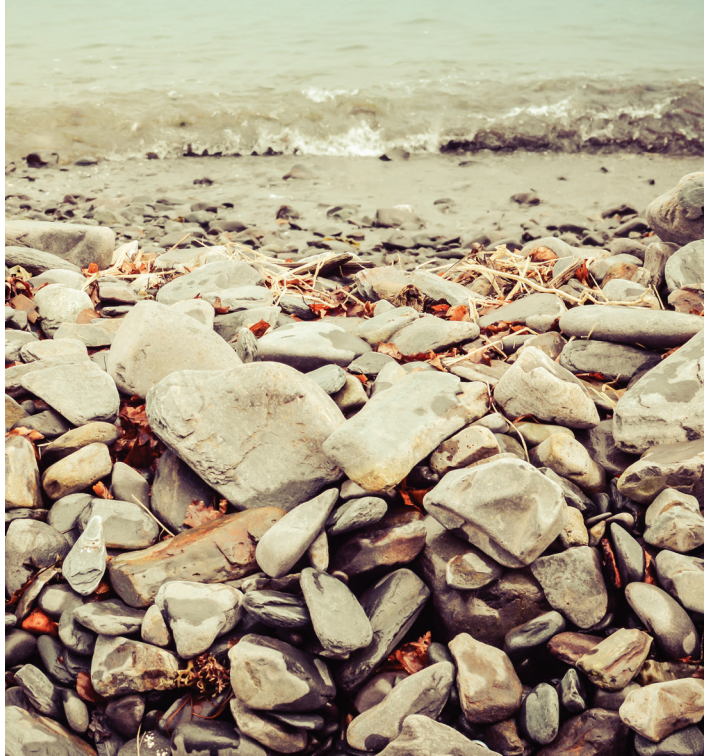
At the forefront of the positives is Johnny Depp in the lead role. Depp puts on his best performance to date in the film, mixing a cold and calculating demeanour with eyes that promise violence.

It’s easy to forget that it’s Depp on the screen – his performance is a labyrinth to get lost inside.

Ultimately, Black Mass is a well-crafted film, but its story’s disjointed nature leaves much to be desired. Depp brings a performance for the ages, and it’s a shame that the filmmakers couldn’t bring the same level of commitment to Whitey Bulger’s life as Depp.

Study Breaks

Things to do for free or cheaply in Halifax



William Coney
Arts Contributor

If you're like many of us working toward a degree right now, you know that money can be tight, which means it can be hard to treat yo'self.

One of the best parts of living in Halifax is that there are all kinds of free or inexpensive things to do! For example, did you know that there are geese in the Public Gardens? Go check them out, I promise it's worth it—especially while the weather is nice.

If you like doing things outside, head to Point Pleasant Park. Not only are there trails to walk or run along, various groups hold activities there, so I can almost guarantee that you'd find something of interest to you.

If the indoors is more your style, what about board games? If you're 19+ go to the Board Room Game Café on Barrington Street! They have a \$5 entry fee and once you're there you can play as many

board games as you like.

If theatre is something you're interested in and you haven't heard of Neptune Theatre on Argyle Street, then look into it! On the first Tuesday night of shows they do a pay-what-you-can night. You can see a play for a toonie, if that's what you decide to pay, which I think is pretty damn cool.

Sometimes it may feel like you have to shell out your cash to enjoy yourself here, but a little hunting for cheap entertainment can take you a long way.

Nova Scotia's film community hurt, unified by changes

Atlantic Film Coop director reflects on effects of tax credit cuts

Paola Tolentino
Arts Editor

The film industry is volatile enough on its own, but this year was exceptionally turbulent. With the community gathering again to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Atlantic Film Festival, we sat down with Martha Cooley, executive director of the Atlantic Film Coop (AFCOOP) to talk about how the industry has changed.

Gazette: How do you think the recent changes in legislation have affected the film industry in Nova Scotia?

Cooley: The recent changes to the film industry including the removal of the Film Industry Tax Credit and the closure of Film & Creative Industries Nova Scotia have been devastating. We are only now starting to see the full impact of this rash and misguided decision. One of our biggest equipment service providers, PS Atlantic, who has been supporting the community since 1997, is closing in October. This is a harbinger of more bad news to come, I'm afraid.

For independent filmmakers working outside the industry this has also been very destructive. Film and Creative Industries ran programs that helped train emerging filmmakers including the First Feature program and they were the main cash funder of AFCOOP's FILM 5 program. The industry and service providers like PS supported independent filmmakers through sponsorship of awards like the Linda Joy Media Arts Awards (which were cancelled this year) and programs like FILM 5.

On the positive side, this has definitely unified the community. The response of the industry was quick, and cohesive. People came out in the thousands to protest, make videos, sign petitions and give testimonials in Parliament. It has certainly also brought this issue to the public eye. Everywhere I go when I mention that I work in the film industry people are aware of what's going on and are sympathetic to our challenge.

There has been a very positive unification of the industry from PAs to producers, everyone is rallying together to fight this issue.

G: What is the atmosphere like in this year's Film Fest?

C: In terms of the festival I think filmmakers are trying to remain positive in some ways. It has been a long, challenging six months and I think those of us who are still here (many young people have already left to work elsewhere) are ready for some positive news, some hope and some celebration.

There is also a general fatigue with talking about our challenges, I think, at this point. The mood at AFF that I have experienced is a tired anger and a small amount of hopeful celebration. It's on everyone's minds all the time, but we

also have to continue doing what we do.

G: How do you think that the community and industry will look like in the future?

C: With any industry there is a natural boom and bust cycle. We've been thrust into a bust but I think there will be positive things to come out of this trying time. When the industry is strong, people get on the treadmill of working on shows and making as much money as they can. Now that things are quieter, people will have time to work on their own projects a little more. We may see some more personal work coming from people who have been devoting their time to working in the industry and now have a chance to get back to the type of projects they really want to be working on.

AFCOOP still runs programs such as workshops for aspiring filmmakers and independent film screenings. More information may be found on their website at afcoop.ca.

Get Consent

Student societies, Canadian Women's fund focusing on consent education

Paola Tolentino

Arts Editor

"96 per cent [of Canadians] agreed consent was important and you had to have it, but only 2/3 understood what it meant," says Anuradha Dugal, director of violence prevention at the Canadian Women's Fund, while explaining the organization's new campaign.

Although consent is one of the most important aspects of any relationship, it's still a subject surrounded by obscurity and misconceptions, which is why the Canadian Women's fund has decided to launch a campaign that focuses on informing people what consent is and how to give/receive it.

The campaign itself consists of multimedia aspects that can be shared through social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook. Their videos are short and lighthearted examples of consent. Although the campaign is meant to be entertaining, Dugal empathizes the seriousness of this topic.

"Consent is really important for all Canadians to understand, regardless of your sexuality, cultural background [...] it's actually quite simple to give and get consent. That's what we want to get across, the conversations are not hard to have. People think it's about contracts, unsexy or unromantic. It's all about being open and respectful," says Dugal.

The idea of consent is incredibly common in university settings as well. Last week, South House, which collaborates closely with DalOUT (Dalhousie's LGBTQ+ student society) held a workshop titled "Sober Spaces as Safer Spaces: Exploring the Intersections of Intoxication Culture & Consent Culture."

While consent is important for anyone, historically it is an issue for LGBTQ+ people, who face challenges of assault and discrimination on a daily basis.

"The safety and prioritization of LGBTQ+ [people] and all other students facing difference kinds of discrimination needs to be at Dalhousie's forefront," says Brittany Long, DalOUT president.

"Safe spaces on campus are essential to the well-being of students because discrimi-

nation continues to exist. There have been enough unresolved cases of institutional discrimination against LGBTQ+ [people] at Dalhousie to demonstrate that support within institutions is still not where it should be."

"We try to provide as many resources and as much support to students as we can, but it isn't always enough."

Long would also like to emphasize the services that are available on campus for those that need them.

"We can offer the safety and acceptance when students enter the DalOUT drop-in space or when they come to one of our events. When trans students are unable to find work due to transphobia, for example, there are short-term bursaries we can help them apply for through DalOUT and other organizations that offer support," says Long.

"LGBTQ+ students can also benefit from the newly created Dalhousie Student Union [sexual assault and harassment] phone line, which is also helping to foster a sense of security on campus."

Long also says South House's volunteer coordinator Carmella Farahbakhsh offers anti-oppression training and body-positive sex education, which the majority of the DalOUT board has now received.

"South House has collaborated with DalOUT in the past to financially support DalOUT bringing guest speakers to Dalhousie, and we're very eager to continue working with them in the future."

South House has moved to a new location at 1443 Seymour Street. You may enter from the side door.

Due to ongoing Student Union Building renovations, DalOUT is currently using South House's space to host meetings.

More details on their events, including monthly socials, may be found at Facebook.com/DalOUT.

The Canadian Women's Foundation's campaign may be found at www.getconsent.ca.

Whenever I brought myself

I knew that already
you were there with me
they would ask your spot
I was admitting bitterly
the place you were staying
like a crime I've had

though I always assumed;
the ablaze I am in was impregnable,
it never come to me - in time
I have blocked your path through me, too

eventually the Dragons left my very heart
I set myself to the woods
as the mists of alienation suppressed the Vale
my vitality was being drained by the wind

gone too far I have understood
however, at the last moment
the last vapor left me too

- Ahmet Emre Harsa

TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB IN TOUGH VS. HURRICANES



Cam Honey
Sports Editor

The Dalhousie Tigers football club dropped their home opener to the two-time defending AFL (Atlantic Football League) champion Holland College Hurricanes 19 – 11 on Saturday night in front of a big crowd at Wickwire Field.

“I think we’ve made significant progress [from last season],” says Tigers head coach Alan Wetmore. “It’s still a work in progress ... you know, I’d like to see better, I’d always like to see better.”

The game opened with each offense struggling to move the ball. The Hurricanes were able to gain an edge in field position when a ‘coffin corner’ punt by Hurricane Jay Dearborn had the Tigers starting their third possession of the game from inside their own 15-yard line.

Unable to move the ball down the field, the Tigers intentionally conceded a safety on 3rd and long to open the scoring and

give the Hurricanes a 2-0 lead.

The decision to concede the safety and gain field position paid off for the Tigers on the next Hurricanes drive.

Tigers cornerback Rob Wilson picked off a tipped pass from Hurricanes quarterback Anton Sianchuck to give the Tigers the ball back within the Hurricanes 40.

The Tigers were unable to fully capitalize on the opportunity and settled for a Wilson field goal from 30-yards for a 3-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Hurricanes opened the scoring in the second quarter when Sianchuck eluded the Tigers rush stepping up in the pocket and scampering for a 25-yard touchdown run up the left sideline making the score 9-3.

The Tigers answered right back with a sustained drive of their own. They marched the ball down the field on the back of RB Zach Leger and QB Nick Hunsley who connected with Gulli-

mae Bernier for a 30-yard gain to spark the drive.

The Tigers were unable to punch it into the end zone and settled for another Wilson field goal try. A low snap disrupted the timing and the kick went wide right for a single point ‘rouge’ and a 9-4 score at the half.

The second half opened with a bang for the Tigers. Leger was able to bust a big run off right tackle to get the ball inside the Hurricane 20. A few plays later Hunsley lofted a pass into the end zone to Alex Bayne running a wheel route up the left sideline, Bayne outmuscled a Hurricane DB climbing the ladder to make the catch and put the Tigers up 11-9.

The Hurricanes responded by marching down the field with two Sianchuck to WR Jeff Hillier completions on hitch routes to the left sideline and a few big runs by RB Carson Halliwell. The Tigers D bent but did not break as the Hurricanes only came away with a Dearborn field goal from 30-yards for a 12-11 lead.

The turning point of the game came on the next Tigers possession. They failed to block the Hurricane edge-rush off left tackle forcing Hunsley to try and drop the ball off to his RB but the pass landed in the hands of Hurricane DE Dylan Echlin who went 35-yards for the pick six and a 19-11 lead.

Both teams were able to gain some yards in the fourth but neither offense was able to score again. The Tigers had a promising drive where Hunsley found Bernier for a couple of big completions on seam routes up the middle, but the march ended with a Wildens Sertyl interception for the Hurricanes.

“We’re bigger and stronger than we were last year,” says Wetmore. “I’m certainly happy with the guys we have.”

Statistics were unavailable at the writing of this article.

Other Notes: Tigers defensive lineman Emmanuel Gilbert

was a force in the game. He had three sacks, a number of quarterback hurries and made some big tackles in the run game as well.

Stefan Strecko did a great job returning kickoffs and punts. He showed sure hands and a knack for catching the ball in the air. He should solidify a position that was a major weakness of the team last year.

Wilson was tremendous for the Tigers in the kicking game, specifically on the punt team. He was instrumental in turning field position in favour of the Tigers with deep directional kicks that allowed the coverage team to get downfield to make tackles. The punt team was a big issue for this squad last year and appears to be vastly improved this season.

The Tigers are on the road on Sept. 26 and will play their next home game at Wickwire Field on Pinktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 3 against the University of New Brunswick Saint John Seawolves.

Out-of-Town Action

Tigers recaps for Sept. 19-20

Cam Honey
Sports Editor

Cross Country

The Dalhousie Tigers cross country team was in Guelph, ON for the Vic Mathews Invitational on Sept. 19.

In the men's 10KM, Tigers runner Matt McNeil lead the pack for a 1st place finish (31:52.7).

The other Tigers runners in the field were Will Russell 24th (33:25.7), Jake Wing 30th (33:32.7), Graham Wach 42nd (34:06.2), Brendan Gemmell 44th (34:13.2) and Nick Wood 61st (35:29.2).

In the women's 6KM, three Tigers found themselves in the top ten.

Colleen Wilson was the top Tiger running to a 5th place finish (21:59.6), Ellen Chapel placed 8th (22:29.6) and Michelle Reddy placed 10th (22:33.9). Also representing the Tigers in the field were Kayte Kowal 25th (23:19.3), Emily Clarke 26th (23:24.8) and Emily Ferguson 42nd (24:18.9).

Next up for the cross country team is Saturday, Sept. 26 at the STFX Invitational.

Men's Soccer

The Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer squad travelled to BMO Field in Fredericton, NB on Saturday, Sept. 19 falling 3-0 to the UNB Varsity Reds.

The loss dropped their record to 1-2 on the season.

UNB took a 1-0 lead into the half on a strike from Oliver Jones in the 30th minute. Jones put UNB up 2-0 in the 85th minute and Robbie Park made it 3-0 moments later on a penalty kick.

Zach Mbolekwa was the Player of the Game for the Tigers.

Jason Ross made nine saves for the Tigers. The Tigers managed five shots and won eight corners.

Men's Soccer

The Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer squad won 5-0 over the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleu in Moncton, NB on Sunday Sept. 20.

The win evened the Tigers' record at 2-2.

First team AUS all-star Bezick Evraire led the squad with a hat-trick scoring goals in the 26th, 55th and 66th minutes.

Second team AUS all-star Johnny Doucett scored in the 60th minute. Freddy Bekkers picked up his first goal of the year in the 63rd minute. Keeper Jason Ross only had to make one save for the clean sheet.

Women's Soccer

The Dalhousie Tigers women's soccer squad battled the UNB Varsity Reds to a 0-0 draw at BMO Field in Fredericton, NB on Saturday Sept. 19.

The draw left the Tigers with a 0-2-1 record on the season.

The closest the Tigers came to scoring was when Madison Frechette sent a shot just wide of goal in the 84th minute.

The Player of the Game for the Tigers was Amanda Bowles.

Keeper Katie Morgan made three saves for the clean sheet.

The Tigers had two shots and won four corners in the game.

Women's Soccer

The Dalhousie women's soccer Tigers picked up their first win of the year over the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleu 4-0 in Moncton on Sunday, Sept. 20.

The win brought the Tigers record to 1-2-1 on the season.

First team AUS all-star Kristie McGregor-Bales put the Tigers up 1-0 with her first of the season in the 24th minute and picked up another in the 80th.

Scarlett Smith made it 2-0 with her first tally of the campaign in the 29th minute.

First team AUS all-star Victoria Parkinson made it 3-0 for the Tigers in the 35th minute. The goal was also her first marker of 2015.

Keeper Katie Morgan did not have to make a save picking up her second clean sheet in as many days.

The Tigers worked an outstanding 20 shots while allowing zero and won six corners in the match.

Next up for Tigers Soccer...

The Tigers face their cross-town rivals, the St Mary's Huskies, at Huskies Stadium on Friday, Sept. 25.

The Tigers will then be back at Wickwire to host the Memorial University Seahawks on Saturday Sept. 26.



STUDENTS CAN DECIDE WHO WINS THIS ELECTION.

The last federal election was decided by 6,201 votes. Imagine what would happen if all students voted.

THIS ELECTION, STUDENTS CAN VOTE ON CAMPUS FOR ANY CANDIDATE FROM ANY RIDING.

Vote for candidates in your home riding - no matter where that is - at a special Elections Canada polling station.

ON CAMPUS POLL LOCATIONS

Monday, October 5 to

Thursday, October 8

**10am
to
8pm**

Student Union Building

LeMarchant Place Atrium

cfsfcée

CANADIAN FEDERATION
OF STUDENTS

CFS-FCÉE.CA

@CFSFCÉE



Authorized by the Canadian Federation of Students.

Positives found in Tigers' 6-1 preseason loss to Huskies

Men's hockey coach sees improvement ahead

Josh Young
Sports Contributor

The Dalhousie Tigers lost 6-1 to the St. Mary's Huskies during pre-season men's ice hockey action at the Halifax Forum on Friday September 17th.

"At the end of the day, we've got a lot of work ahead of us," said Tigers head coach Chris Donnelly. "We were facing a veteran hockey team that is hosting the nationals this year, so we have a lot of things to work on."

The game did not start out well for the Tigers. Huskies forward Ben Duffy and defenseman Michael D'Orazio both scored to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead.

The Tigers got back into the

game late in the first period on a power play goal. Tiger's forward Andrew Rieder passed the puck to teammate Fabian Walsh in front of the net. Walsh shot it in to make the score 2-1.

In the second period, the Huskies stretched their lead when defenseman Kyle Pereira scored a one-timer from the point to give the Huskies a two-goal lead.

That seemed to get the ball rolling for the Huskies. They scored three unanswered goals in the second period to stretch their lead to 6-1. Huskies' forward Calder Brooks scored two of those goals while forward Stephen MacAulay scored the other.

In the third period, seven

penalties were called between the two teams, but neither team was able to score.

Even though it is the pre-season, both teams played a very physical hockey game. The cross-town rivals racked up twenty-one penalties in total. Dal killed ten out of their eleven penalties, and SMU killed nine out of their ten penalties.

"Five on five, I felt it was a pretty even hockey game," said Donnelly. "It was hard to get a flow with all those penalties in the game."

Even with the loss, Donnelly still felt there were some positives to come out of the game.

"Speed-wise, I thought we

matched up well with them. Physically, we matched up well with them. Those two issues have been issues for us against that team in the past, and I think we have closed that gap."

Donnelly also liked how the defense is shaping up for the upcoming season.

"I liked the defensemen (Jesse) Lussier and (Colton) Hefley. I think they bring a lot of composure and size to our lineup, and of course Brendan Duke, who only played four games for us last year. With having him in the line up I think our defense has more mobility and presence then they did last season."

Not to be overlooked is Dal-

housie's goaltender Corbin Boes. He made many fantastic cross crease saves, and did a good job on stopping the first shot.

Chris Donnelly felt that improving the offense is the next step in trying to beat the Huskies.

"We need to generate a little more offense against them. That's our challenge against St. Mary's."

The Tigers' next game is on Friday, Sept. 25 against the St. Thomas Tommies in Springhill, Nova Scotia at 7 p.m.

Sports Events at Dal, Sept. 25-27

Cam Honey
Sports Editor

Sept. 25-27, the three-time defending AUS champion Dalhousie women's volleyball Tigers are hosting an Invitational Tournament at the Dalplex. The premier matchup will go off at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, as the Tigers face their rivals and top contenders in the AUS, the St. Mary's Huskies.

Sept. 26, the Dalhousie Tigers men's and women's soccer squads will host the Memorial University Seahawks in action at Wickwire Field. The women's game will kick off at 1 p.m. and the men's at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 26, the Dalhousie men's ice hockey team will host the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds in exhibition action at the Halifax Forum. The puck will drop at 2 p.m.



THE SEXTANT

THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF DALHOUSIE SEXTON CAMPUS

Entrepreneurship in Engineering at Dalhousie

Ozi Onuoha
Assistant Editor
Mineral Resources '16

I have always wondered why a select few institutions of higher learning have a monopoly on successful student/alumni created businesses. Why is it that students from these schools are the founders/co-founders of various tech companies valued at over a billion dollars, or more popularly known today as 'unicorns'. It's not because they are the only ones with engineering and science faculties, almost every other school in the world, except liberal art colleges of course, has a computer science and an engineering department. Why don't our student projects end up becoming media and world sensations?

Could it be because these institutions are mostly American Ivy league schools, privately funded, and with endowments of hundreds of millions of dollars or is it because of the history of academic excellence of their students? Maybe it is their highly selective admission process or could it be because these universities create a friendlier environment for student entrepreneurs than the rest of the other schools. Surely the fact that Silicon Valley, the center of the tech startup scene and home to some of the world's largest venture capital firms, is saturated with Ivy League alumni plays some role. It is hard to pinpoint one reason because it most probably is a combination of them all.

It is true that in the overall world of tech and business startups the number of successful startup founders emerging from these schools is marginal. However, in the fields of tech applications that have mass appeal and tend to be able to alter the very way we live our lives, a lot of the creators are from a small number of schools based out of the US.

This piece does not seek to diminish the numerous achievements of the many current Dal students and alumni who have gone on to achieve things of note but rather it seeks to ask questions about the current teaching practices in the science and engineering disciplines. The current educational system of most of these "other" schools seem to prepare students to join the ranks of employees in international corporations and the way I see it, they actually do an excellent job of achieving that. The cultivation of new ideas, the utilization of these ideas to create new products and the ability to connect students with individuals and institutions that will assist in the further development of these products and their introduction to the world is as much a part of education in the science/technology field as teaching scientific theories and principles. Students should also be encouraged to challenge what are widely held views on the way things are done and the entrepreneurial mentality should be more wide spread in the science and engineering disciplines of universities.

Of course some schools have noted the changing times and realized that promising student projects don't have to sit and gather

dust in archival rooms. They have taken steps towards fostering the entrepreneurial spirit among those of its students that show inclination towards this field. Events such as the innovative business idea competition, of which I was a part of, and Dalhousie's Launchpad accelerator, seek to offer students the opportunity to work on various innovative business ideas irrespective of discipline and pitch these ideas to potential investors.

These programs are able to achieve three things: they get students with wonderful ideas in front of potential investors which would otherwise be a daunting task for the students. Secondly, students are taught how to make a good first impression at business meetings, make business pitches and negoti-

ate with potential business partners, something entrepreneurs would ordinarily have to figure out themselves. Lastly students get a chance to have their ideas critiqued by real professionals with knowledge of how the market works and what the larger venture capital community expects.

What I am trying to say in essence is that, even though Dal's program is young (three years), it's a welcome development that should be talked about and publicized among the school's engineering and science faculties. We do have a long way to go but I believe the more we make entrepreneurship a part of our university culture, the more we'll see our prestige rise and the better we'll be able to compete with the rest of the world.



Most student projects will only ever be exhibited at the Engineering Design Expo.

Photo credit: Dalhousie Faculty of Engineering



WRITE. GET PAID.

100-200 words = \$15
200-400 words = \$25
400-600 words = \$30
600+ words = \$35
Picture with article = +\$5
Picture of the Week,
Comic, Abstract = \$20

SUBMIT:
SEXTANT@DAL.CA

SEXTON EVENTS

ENGINEERING: EVERY FRI-DAY. 1:30PM-5:30PM

T-ROOM TRIVIA W/ STAN AND THOMAS EVERY FRI-DAY @ 9:30 (\$2, 19+)

Share your Sexton event by sending details to sextant@dal.ca

The Sextant aims to represent all of the students studying and living on Sexton Campus. If you have any concerns about the paper, please email sextant@dal.ca

Editor-In-Chief: Garrett Allain Smith
Assistant Editor: Ozi Onuoha
Treasurer: Omair Abid

Questions, Comments, Contribute
Sextant@dal.ca



@DalSextant facebook.com/DalSextant

Sexton Campus's Online Resource
DalSexton.ca

Hello? Listen, my roommate's in some kind of trouble and English isn't her first language. She's really freaked. Can you help us? I know it's late...

Thanks for calling 211. How can I help?

Yes, I can help. 211 can communicate with callers in over 100 languages – and don't worry about the time. We answer 24/7.

Great. She's a really nice person but she's crying and stuff and I don't know what she's saying.

Can you pass her the phone or get her to call me on another one? Our conversation will be confidential.

Sure. She can use my cell. I'll go out for a while to give you both privacy and hey, thanks a lot.

You're welcome. You seem like a good roommate to have called 211 for her. We're here to help with every situation.



When you don't know where to turn.



ns.211.ca



help@ns.211.ca



2-1-1

Register and vote at Dal

Ready to vote in the federal election? From October 5 to 8, Elections Canada offices will be open on campus to provide information, registration and voting for students before the October 19 election day. Bring ID with your home address.



Nearest locations:

LeMarchant Place Atrium
1246 LeMarchant Street

Student Union Building
6136 University Avenue

Hours: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

There are other times, places and ways you can vote. Visit **elections.ca** or call **1-800-463-6868** (TTY 1-800-361-8935) for this information and the list of accepted ID.



Ready to vote

October 19, 2015

