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Your elected DSU Executives 2015-2016. From left: Kathleen Reid (VP Student Life), Kaitlynne Lowe (VP Internal), John Hutton (VP Academic and External), Dan Nicholson (President), and Mahbubur Rahman (VP Finance and Operations) PHOTO: DSU STAFF

Welcome to your Dalhousie **Student Union!**

Every full-time, part-time, undergraduate, graduate, and professional student on all four campuses of Dalhousie is part of the Dalhousie Student Union. As a member of the union, you have access to several amazing services and benefits, including the new handbook (pick one up at the Info Desk in the Student Union Building)!

Our student union provides a voice for members on campus, advocating for students within the university and beyond for things like accessible education, safer campuses, and a more equitable society. You also have access to student union-run services like the food bank, an advocacy service, and the health and dental plan., as well as fantastic student-owned and operated businesses Campus Copy, The Grawood, and the T-Room.

There are also almost 400 societies funded and supported by the student union, so there are tons of ways to tap in to student life.

The Student Union Building (SUB) is the hot-spot for many student union activities and hosts lots of great events, places to eat, and friendly folks all throughout the building. This year, we are undergoing some big changes to make your Student

Union Building a better space. Changes you can expect to see include; an atrium with more space to spend between classes, a new and improved Council Chambers, and a society hub to better facilitate group activities. There will still be some construction into the fall as the building goes through growing pains to become a better version of itself. Feel free to follow online (#yournewsub) or come and chat with with your student union executive if you have more questions about the renovations.

As the executive of the student union, we've been elected to make sure you are getting everything you can out of your student union. We want to foster a community at Dal where everyone feels welcome, feels empowered to make things happen, and can be involved in any way they want. We hope you come and get to know us and get involved by joining a society, volunteering on campus, or coming out to awesome events. We are looking forward to having such a great year with you.

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editorial

Keep the discussion going

Controversy: more than just antisocial behaviour (and a great Prince song)

Jesse Ward

Editor-in-chief

If you are a Dalhousie student, you have a share in your student newspaper, and there is no better time than now to help build the Dalhousie student voice.

Let me explain.

If you are a new Dal student, you may have already come across Dal Student Life's blog for incoming students and its June post titled "Social Media 101."

Within this article, under the header "The fine line of freedom of expression," lies this piece of advice:

"Social media is a way to have a voice on a range of topics, but don't post derogatory, degrading, controversial or overly personal comments about yourself, others, or the university. Trust me, you won't make any new friends, you'll annoy people, and you may harm your reputation (which will follow you for a long, long tim e). Your best bet is to focus on the exciting aspects of university life that lie ahead instead."

In 2015, to say that someone should not make controversial comments online is to say they should not make controversial comments offline. The public exposure of private comments is an ever-present topic in our 24/7 news cycle, and people are understanding what little difference there is between online and offline behaviour.

While our culture of self-censorship, surveillance and public shaming is a popular topic of discussion today, judging by the way this Dal Student Life blog post frames "controversy," you would think that controversial behaviour is always antisocial.

It's important to remember how controversy frequently provokes important social changes, how students have often been instrumental in these changes, and what Dal students have accomplished in the past year through controversial behaviour.

But let's go back to 1991, first. In March 1991, the Gazette republished an article printed the previous week in the Muse, the student newspaper at Memorial University, titled "A gay man's guide to erotic safer sex."

The story used explicit language and featured brief narratives of gay sex while describing how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

Outrage ensued – the then-president of Memorial, Arthur May, told Newfoundland's largest newspaper the article was "pornographic."

May said the issue of the Muse containing the guide could raise tuition fees by hurting alumni donations, and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary launched an investigation into the article.

Out of an interest in reducing HIV transmission rates by means they believed to be effective after learning the same techniques had found success in other communities, the Muse published a very controversial article.

In solidarity with the Muse, the Gazette wrote a story about the challenges facing the newspaper and reprinted the guide.

Within the month, students upset with the Gazette's printing of the guide led to police investigating the Gazette and two fraternity brothers campaigned for the Dalhousie Student Union to cease funding to the Gazette and fire the paper's editors.

In the end, the DSU continued to support the Gazette and the editors were allowed to stay – but only after weeks of discussion, public meetings and national press coverage.

Out of the outrage that came from the Muse's controversial publication of material intended to decrease HIV transmission rates came a national discussion about how marginalized groups may face greater health risks because of social stigma.

Today at Dalhousie, respect and active efforts towards inclusion of marginalized communities are prominent topics.

The Backhouse report released this June in the aftermath of Dalhousie's dentistry scandal – more on this next week in the Gazette – details a structure of systemic racism and sexism within Dal's faculty of dentistry, and Dalhousie president Richard Florizone has committed to meeting all 40 of the report's recommendations.

But Dalhousie only paid a task force of committed individuals outside of the university to investigate discrimination in the dental school after students repeatedly pointed out ways in which the university's handling of the situation seemed inappropriate and asked for an external investigation.

The students who protested administration's handling of the dentistry scandal behaved controversially, and it resulted in Dalhousie promising to act on important discoveries about mistreatment of staff in the university's dental clinic.

So consider the advice offered in the Dal Student Life post cited above, and ask yourself: would you like to be part of a student body that "focuses on the exciting aspects of university life," or a student body mature enough to handle serious discussions about the inequities that result in repeated incidents of violence and discrimination on our campus?

Dalhousie cannot commit to a "Culture of Respect," as administration titled the campaign to address public concern about the dentistry scandal, unless Dal also commits to a culture that prioritizes students speaking openly about the issues we face.

For example: why did the DSU food bank see its busiest season ever this summer?

Should students who rely on food banks believe there's a stigma against this behaviour and feel ashamed, or should they feel like they're part of a community mature and respectful enough to listen to them if they want to explain why so many students remain hungry?

It's clear that a good way to encourage stigma is to warn students they may isolate themselves and hurt their reputations by sharing controversial content.

Instead, we need to cooperate in building a mature culture that allows

for honest, open discussion without judgment.

The gains won by controversial speech show this is the path towards a real culture of respect.

Over the last year, Dalhousie has continued to face scrutiny over controversial events at the university covered heavily by the national media.

We should not remain silent or be ashamed of this attention, but instead use the discussions surrounding our university as a starting point for change.

The Gazette can have a powerful role in influencing the public as we share the Dal student voice. All Dal students pay a small annual fee to keep the Gazette running, and it's our mandate to report on the Dal community responsibly while providing training to new journalists.

The next year will see the unraveling of complex trials involving Dal students, a federal election, changes coming out of Dal's Backhouse and Belong reports and the likely possibility of tuition adjustments.

We want to cover these topics and more while doing everything we can to keep new students involved in campus media.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Gazette is strongly encouraged to attend our first general meeting of the year on Sept. 15, at 4:45 p.m. in room 224 of the Student Union Building.

For more information, check out dalgazette.com/contribute for our many opportunities – the world needs more 19-year-old wine columnists – and I look forward to seeing your name in these pages soon.

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news

NEWS BRIEFS

DSU food bank sees high demand over summer

Dalhousie's food bank saw greater demand than ever this summer. John Hutton, Vice President (Academic and External) of the

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), told Global News in August that in recent years the DSU has seen an average of 160 students using the food bank per month.

"In recent months, this has actually increased to 200 per month and it's held steady over the summer, which is actually pretty alarming," Hutton told Global News.

Hutton said the DSU has noticed international students, who pay significantly higher tuition fees than Canadian students, most commonly use the food banks, along with students who are parents.

Feed Nova Scotia reports that 32.5 per cent of food banks in Nova Scotia reported an increase in usage from 2013-2014.

The DSU food bank is in the basement of the Student Union Building. Anyone may use the food bank, no questions are asked. news news covers Dalhousie and the greater Halifax community. Contributors are welcome! Email Eleanor and Sabina at news@dalgazette.com



Dal's ex-pres earning more than a million in extra salary

Public documents reveal that former Dalhousie president Tom Traves, who retired in 2013, earned more than any sitting university president in Nova Scotia last year.

Traves was paid \$442,141 by Dalhousie due to his contract stating he would get an extra year of salary for every five years he worked.

In the first three years after he was no longer president, Traves will earn more than \$1.3 million.

Dalhousie president Richard Florizone was the highest-paid active university president in Nova Scotia, earning \$325,652.

JasonHaslam, professor of English at Dalhousie, tweeted that Traves' yearly post-retirements alary "would pay for 100 courses taught by contract faculty."

Dal's pioneer battery researcher teams with Tesla

In June, Dalhousie joined a five-year research partnership with Tesla Motors to build a better battery. Tesla Motors designs and manufactures electric vehicles, with their stated goal being to accelerate

sustainable transportation around the world. PhysicsandChemistryprofessorDr.JeffDahn,whofocusesondevelopinglong-lastinglithium-ionbatteries in his research, will begin the partnership with Tesla in June 2016.

"Our research group's goal is to increase the energy density and lifetime of Li-ion batteries, so we can drive down costs in automotive and grid energy storage applications," said Dahn in a media release. "We're incredibly excited to partner with Tesla, a company that's so well- aligned with our research."

DAL SENATE SEEKS INPUT ON FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

Jesse Ward

Editor-in-chief

A nad hoc committee of Dalhousie Senate dedicated to examining fossil fuel divestment held its first meeting in July and is seeking input from "all academic units who selfidentify as potentially affected by fossil fuel divestment."

Since September 2013, campus activist group Divest Dal has advocated for Dalhousie administration to divest the university's endowment funds from companies found on a list of public companies with the greatest carbon content in their fossil fuel holdings.

With dozens of members routinely in the audience throughout 2014 meetings of Dalhousie's Board of Governors, the group repeatedly broke attendance records.

Divest Dal's largest showing was at a Board meeting on Nov. 25, 2014, when the

Board voted to accept recommendations from a committee that the university not commit to divestment.

A month after Dalhousie's board rejected divestment, Dalhousie Senate approved a motion creating an ad hoc committee to examine fossil fuel divestment.

InearlyApril2015,twoweeksafterShell Canada announced a \$600,000 donation to Dalhousie, Divest Dal added a redesigned Dalhousie flag bearing a Shell logo to the Studley campus flagpole.

Divest Dal campaigner and student Bethany Hindmarsh said in a media release, "Dal's administrators and board chose the wrong side in the fight against climate change, and Dr. Richard Florizone and Dal's Board of Governors are more invested in 'Shellhousie' than in a sustainable future for all faculty, staff, and students at Dal."

"Dal'sadministrativebodieshaveshown

that they are so beholden to that polluting industry that they are unable to make decisions in the university's best interest. They've chosen not to divest from fossil fuels, ignoring evidence of the benefits of divestment as well as calls from the Dalhousie Students' Union and Dalhousie Faculty Association."

Dal News, Dalhousie's administrationrun newspaper, announced in March that \$500,000 of Shell's contribution is scheduled to fund trips, lectures and other activities for Dal students in certain faculties.

The remaining \$100,000 is going towards a new Offshore Energy Fund, a fund intended on supporting "student learning opportunities related to offshore oil and gas exploration and development."

Any group on campus who may be affected by Dalhousie's potential divestment is encouraged to submit to the Senate committee a "a two page summary statement outlining possible pros and cons from either divesting or not divesting to their academic programs and research."

Submissions and questions are to be sent to Andrea Power, Associate Secretary, Senate, UniversitySecretariatatandrea.power@dal. ca.

The committee has identified Sept. 15, 2015 as a deadline for submissions, while claiming they will review submissions received on or before Sept. 30, 2015.

In December 2014, Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council voted to divest the DSU's investment portfolio of fossil fuels.

The union's research found they committed todivest\$99,317fromtheunion'sinvestment portfolio of \$2,389,575, at approximately 4.1 per cent of their portfolio's total value.

Trans health a priority for Student Health Services

Dal staff nurse to train in transgender care

Hannah Daley News Contributor

Dalhousie University's Student Health Services will soon have CPATH-trained staff, in a great step forward for transgender individuals within the Dal/King's community.

The Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (CPATH) is an organization stating its aim as supporting the health, wellbeing, and dignity of trans and gender-diverse people

CPATH is holding a conference in Halifax from Oct. 1-4, "Transforming the Landscape of Transgender Health and Wellness."

The conference will focus on determinants of trans health, clinical practice and professional development, and creating systemic change

Emily Huner, operations manager at Dal Student Health Services, says a nurse practitioner from the clinic will attend pre-conference training sessions

The nurse's training will take place over one day of pre-conference sessions and will address how to diagnose gender dysphoria, how to communicate the risks and benefits of both hormones and surgery for trans people, and how to apply the necessary components of documentation needed.

CPATH training will allow for the recommendation of hormone therapy as well as gender confirmation therapy. Seeing as there is currently only one place in Halifax to go for these, this is a win for transgender health in Halifax

Huner says Student Health Services' counsellors, the student health promotion manager, and the medical director will all attend the conference happening this fall, but not participate in the pre-conference sessions.

"This is the first time that counseling and psychological services staff have actually sent counsellors to this type of conference to start with, so this is actually a big step for them," says Huner

Student Health Services does not currently have staff with the training necessary to become assessors for trans individuals who wish to undergo hormonal therapy or surgery, but Nichole Helm, the nurse practitioner who will be participating in the CPATH training sessions, says the training is another step they are taking to increase their competency when working with trans individuals

Jude Ashburn, outreach coordinator of South House, Halifax's only full-time gender justice centre, says this is a critical and necessary service for trans students at Dal and King's

"This will be great. They don't have to go off-campus. They don't have to face the same level of wait time for their health needs," says Ashburn.

Tuition may increase after provincial government changes funding process

DSU seeks answers to university's tuition decisions

Sabina Wex Managing Editor

Dalhousie students' tuition fees could increase significantly in 2016 with the pending Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the government and the university

MOUs are an informal agreement between the government and universities regarding the amount of funding the government will give the university for the next three years.

John Hutton, Vice President Academic and External of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), says members of the Dalhousie Board of Governors (BOG) revealed in a May meeting that the government asked universities across the province which departments' tuitions they would reset if the MOUs since 2007 didn't exist.

Hutton says Dan Nicholson, DSU President, asked the administration which departments the university had recommended increasing tuition. The administrators replied they submitted increases for Engineering, Pharmacy and Agriculture

"They're playing catch-up and making substantial hikes in a short period," says Hutton.

Hutton then met with Ian Nason, Dal's Vice President (Finance and Administration), to see the document detailing Dal's tuition reset recommendations.

Nason wouldn't show him, but Hutton has filed a Freedom of Information Access request to see the document. He expects to receive the document on Sept. 18

Carolyn Watters, Dal's Vice President (Academic), said at the meeting that administration noticed students at the Truro's Agricultural Campus pay \$1,400 less in tuition fees than Halifax students

Government funding usually increases by three per cent to keep up with market inflation. MOUs also include agreements on tuition caps – often also capped at three per cent increases.

The provincial government said it would only increase funding by one per cent every year, now – not enough to cover inflation costs. Hutton says universities are increasingly receiving their revenue from students' tuition fees

Dal's Budget Advisory Committee starts meeting in September, and should release a first draft of the school's budget in late December or early January

"What we're trying to do is blow the whistle early because they've already signalled their intentions to make tuition resets," says Hutton

The Universities Accountability and Sustainability Act, better known as Bill 100, has outlined the universities need to create "outcome agreements," which would be ways of measuring universities to determine whether or not they will receive extra government funding.

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour met with the province's student union leaders and asked them for recommendations about what these outcomes ought to be.

Hutton says the student leaders didn't comment because they weren't sure if these outcomes would lead to increases or decreases in government funding for universities

The outcomes can range from student satisfaction to commercialized research.

With the budget to be released in December or January and the MOU to be signed, students won't know until second semester if there will be tuition resets.

NEW APP OFFERS INSTANT ACCESS TO COUNSELLING SERVICES

Free virtual therapy offers counter to long waitlists

Evan McIntyre Staff Contributor

This fall, students at Dalhousie and King's can use their computer to access support for mental health problems like anxiety, depression, and phobias 24/7.

Welltrack, a service acquired by Dal Counselling Services over the summer, provides free virtual cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) to its users.

"There's a ton of research that shows that if you include these kinds of tools with therapy, people get much better," says Darren Piercey, the University of New Brunswick professor whose research in virtual reality therapy provided the foundation for Welltrack's development.

Students may choose to use Welltrack on their own or they can share their progress with a coach or psychologist from Counselling Services.

"The online program provides flexibility for students," says Joanne Mills, director of Counselling Services, "and it's probably an easier first step for someone to take if they're considering seeking help."

One of Welltrack's features is Moodcheck, which checks in daily with users via email or smartphone notification and asks them to record how they feel, their location, what they're doing, and who they're with.

"The idea is that we love tracking everything. We track our steps, we track our calories. With Moodcheck, we can track how the things we do throughout the day affect the way we feel," says Piercey.

Welltrackalsofeaturescourses and videos to educate users about anxiety, stress, depression, and phobias. The courses are based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), which is often used in traditional therapy settings.

The new program may contribute to reducing the waitlist for students who wish to receive faceto-face counselling with a psychologist.

Last year, the number of phone calls from students request-

ingcounsellingappointmentswent up by 56 per cent from the 2013-14 academic year, and the number of counselling appointments has increased by 68 per cent in the last 5 years.

Maia Kowalski is a third year undergraduate student at King's. When she contacted counseling services, she faced a few hurdles when she wanted to schedule her first appointment.

"They were telling me that there were so many people trying to get in that I would have to call right at 9 a.m. every morning to bookaconsultation,"saysKowalski. "If someone else needed to speak to someone faster, I feel like that would deter them because they would have to go through so many steps."

Mills says that students can receive a Brief Initial Consultation appointment (a 30-minute intake session) within one to three days. Based upon that assessment, students with high risk are typically scheduled for a follow up with a week or two, but students with a medium or low risk of harming themselves or others can wait as long as five weeks or more.

Sarah Martin, a graduate student at Dalhousie accessed counselling services in January.

"They told me there might be a pretty significant wait list, but they ended up calling me about two weeks later," says Martin about her initial consultation.

After she was able to book a regularappointment, "Iwasinthere and the woman I saw for about two months was great," says Martin.

"It's good once you get in," said T.D., an undergraduate student who attended counselling sessions last year, "it just takes a while."

Mills thinks that more students using Welltrack could lead to a reduced waitlist for in-person appointments.

"If some of the low risk students can manage and learn new skills with a coach to get where they need to go, it could perhaps take them off the waitlist and allow us to see more of the high-risk students faster," says Mills. She stressed that Welltrack isn't meant to deter students from booking appointments with CounsellingServices, but"this is an alternative or compliment to the traditional counselling process."

Providing CBT online would also help students who are hesitant to access traditional, in person faceto-face counselling.

"It can be used as a 'step-up' program," says Piercey. "The reality is that about 20-25 per cent of students in any given year are suffering from some form of major stress, anxiety, or depression, but twothirds will never seek help from a counselling centre."

This year, Welltrack could be the tool to help students seek help anonymously, without stigma.



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CAT FOOD PUTS SOME IN BAD MOOD



"End all research involving animals," petition asks Dal

Jesse Ward Editor-in-chief

On the evening of Aug. 16, Halifax local Allison Sparling tweeted a picture of a strange scene within an Atlantic Superstore: a pallet carrying 372 cans of No Name Brand cat food labeled with a crude sign reading "Dalhousie."

Sparling's light-hearted tweet, including a joking message that the cat food would be part of new students' meal plans, provoked humorous questions from curious Twitter onlookers on possibilities for the cat food's destiny

Over the next few days, the cat food received nationwide publicity and sparked a series of news articles that has animal rights activists planning a protest against animal research at Dalhousie

Within an hour of Sparling's tweet, the Gazette visited the Atlantic Superstore location where the cat food was located. A manager confirmed the cans were indeed scheduled for a delivery to Dal, but said they did not know what department would receive the half-ton of cat food

The Gazette emailed Dalhousie Communications, asking what department the cat food was intended for and for what purpose

By the afternoon of Aug. 17, one day later, dozens of journalists, Dalhousie students and Twitter users from around the world had picked up on the Dalhousie cat food mystery

Around noon, someone shared a mysterious picture with the Gazette of the cat food arriving in a receiving area, saying the cans had arrived at their destination but not naming their location

The Gazette visited Dalhousie's departments of Psychology and Biology, as well as the Tupper Medical Building, asking staff in reception and receiving areas if they knew anything about Dal receiving cat food or hosting cats.

No one indicated they had any knowledge of recent cat food shipments, except a receptionist in the Medical School who said she only knew of experiments involving cats at Dalhousie that had occurred years ago

Shortly after 2 p.m., the Gazette received a response from Dal Communications spokeswoman Janet Bryson who said, "The cat food is used to feed cats that are being used for behavioural research at the University." Asked for more details,

Bryson elaborated:

"[...] the cats are used humanely in research into Amblyopia. Amblyopia is the most common serious eye condition in children in North America and has consequences on learning, socialization and other important aspects of human sensory development and cognition." The Gazette livetweeted the day's journey across campus looking for Dalhousie's cats for what was intended to be a lighthearted, humorous, interactive online story.

On a mid-August Monday, during Prime Minister Stephen Harper's first visit to Nova Scotia during the campaign period for the upcoming federal election, the Dalhousie Cat Food Mystery a well-needed break from hard news for some

And while Dalhousie does not mention their experiments with cats on Dal.ca – a site which does include extensive documentation of the certificates Dalhousie requires researchers to have before they may perform research involving non-human animals – it did seem likely all along that Dalhousie may, in fact, host cats which are used in experiments

But discussion of the cat food further erupted after Buzzfeed Canada published a story, People Demanded Answers After A University Bought 372 Cans Of No Name Cat Food, chronicling the day's events.

Buzzfeed's story was shared more than 4,400 times over Facebook and Twitter, and within the week, the Chronicle Herald followed up

Pet Corner columnist Pat Lee pointed out a 2013 interview with Dalhousie associate psychology professor Kevin Duffy published by the Truro Daily News, "Local researcher sees fix for 'lazy eye' in kittens."

Duffy's research focuses on amblyopia, the condition Dal Communications explained when queried on the cat food

The Daily News article says all kittens used in Duffy's amblyopia research are bred at Dalhousie for research and the work is approved by the Canadian Council on Animal Care

The research involves kittens living in a room that is kept totally dark after they have had a single eyelid sutured shut under anesthetic. A radio is playing in the room, and workers trained to navigate the room in the dark take care of the cats who are monitored by camera.

The Daily News article

says all kittens used in the research have been adopted, and when asked about people who feel negatively about the research, Duffy is quoted as saying, "Some people don't agree with it, and I respect that. I usually ask them if they would rather not use them and not having any advancements in medical procedures."

Lee, in the Herald, says this

is not the only cat research happening at Dal: "A master's thesis on experiments done at the school and published last year says adult cats were used in similar fashion, then some were euthanized so their brains could be removed and examined," writes Lee.

Within a day of Lee's column being published, an online petition at Change.org titled "STOP DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FROM TESTING ON CATS/KITTENS!!!" was created by someone identifying themselves as Laurie Wheeler of Aylesford, Nova Scotia.

"This must be stopped. These people have no right to do this to cats and/or kittens," says the petition description of the research described in Lee's column. "It is inhumane!!!"

At press time, the petition that asks for Dalhousie to stop all animal testing has received 1,750 online signatures.

On a Facebook event page, some local animal rights activists are discussing plans for a protest of Dalhousie using animals in research. At press time, the protest is scheduled to begin on Sept. 6 at noon on the Dalhousie quad.

The protest is not associated with any student groups at Dal, and no self-identified Dal students have posted within the protest's Facebook event page.





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Predicting the Next Juvenile Revolution

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Opinions Contributor

The establishment, not so very long ago, had a healthy fear of juveniles. In the 1950s:

A thousand conferences, agencies, committees, and newspapers alerted the country (the USA) to the danger. Juvenile delinquency was the only rebellion around, and it had to be stopped

Articles on teenage delinquency gushed forth. Experts labeled it a "national epidemic," projecting some two and a half million cases. "Unless this cancer is checked early enough," warned one popular book, 1,000,000 Delinquents (1955), "it can go on spreading and contaminate many good cells in our society..."

Although politicians called for it, there was no purge like there was against Communism, only a tightening of civil and institutional controls, including citywide curfews.

But the genie was out of the bottle due to changing economic reality and modern technology: the greater access to money and especially to automobiles, which allowed the young to escape watchful parents and fostered their identities as individuals with specific sexual, musical, and consuming needs

However, the first modern juvenile revolution did not occur until newly populated campuses exploded in the 1960s. The students rejected being treated like owned children, while being drafted for war

The students revolted, walked out, demonstrated, and squatted without relenting. They obtained:

independence over their personal lives (no oversight of off-campus activities, no curfews, no discipline for non-academic matters) the right to unionize and collectively own buildings and businesses on campus

respect of their power when it came to imposing a military draft minority representation on all university committees (including the Senate and Board) These were lasting victories of a

These were lasting victories of a true and bloody juvenile revolution

While the revolt vehemently and explicitly expressed a desire to be free from the clutches of true legal power over the institution (which resides in the Board), as in Mario Savio's iconic speeches

The furthest success in that direction was to obtain representation on university "governance" committees, which is no small accomplishment if the representatives impose themselves rather than allow themselves to be coopted tokens

But the 1960s achievements of partial democracy and partial student liberation in the institution were perceived as threatening and have been systematically eroded by the concerted efforts of establishment forces

The counter-revolution was already well underway by 1975 when the Trilateral Commission, founded by David Rockefeller in 1973, published The Crisis of Democracy: On the Governability of Democracies. The report recommended restructuring public institutions to address the identified threat stemming from "an excess of democracy." They knew how to fix that...

What followed, starting in the 1980s, was a catastrophe on the scale of a macro-economic and macro-societal restructuring: Reversal of The New Deal and of post-WWII middle-class access to economic independence;

gutting of professional independence of teachers; gutting of tenure (replacement by contract staff); complete corporate alignment of the university mission; codification and confinement of radicalism within allowed "justice and equity" programs; studentdebt slavery extended far into post-studies life;

tighter ideological processing in all the professional programs, and new imposed programs for journalists, etc.; totally institutionalized childhoods including after-school activities; more grading and performance evaluations than you can shake a stick at; more homework and "volunteer" work than ever; "zero tolerances" of drugs, traffic violations, petty crime, payment delays, improper language, etc.; more surveillance than in any novel about a dystopia; being fired for comments on social media at every corner;

... the list of post-1970s abuses that most citizens actually celebrate and defend is a long one. All of the "99%" (non-elitists) suffered the same fate, to varying degrees

As a result, more than ever these days, all school pupils are literally in a prison, with locked doors, yard time, prison guards, and parental home visits. College and university students have no time to think, but instead are on a brutal and meaningless treadmill, with periodic PowerPoint torture, while being shackled with financial debt, rather than being paid for their labour

What has kept the lid on US-Canada juveniles (except in Canada's province of Quebec, to some extent)? What has stalled the next US-Canada-Europe... juvenile rebellion?

Several factors have contributed, as I see it

First, juveniles are seriously constrained and corralled in every aspect of their lives, but that alone is not normally enough to suppress vital instincts

Second, the state, like any police state, is vicious in attacking and punishing student dissidents with police-induced judicial consequences, augmented by punitive measures applied by the educational institutions themselves. This is a strategy to kill any spontaneous or planned emergence of rebellion

Third, many students themselves have been largely neutralized in their brains, to be seekers of justice fairly provided to them by the very system that imprisons them, to seek "being oppressed fairly." A mass of students has essentially been zombified by the poison of the "radical" "justice and equity" programs, anchored in "critical theory" "at the service of the design of a better society.' They have swallowed the myth that liberation is establishmentregulated participation in the design of a "just society."

Fourth, in a divide-andconquer attack against the mind, students have been turned against each other with manufactured hyper-concern for their own religions, skin colours, genders, sexual preferences, and superficial "privileges," rather than recognizing the common enemy of an oppressive establishment that eats them alive, irrespective of their individual attributes

Ageism is a unifying psychosocial force that channels a juvenile rebellion against the systemic oppression of youth. There is ageism, but it is presently used as a strategy for survival, rather than a force for rebellion. Ageism and inter-generational solidarity with trusted agents and coalitions with trusted cells are not opposites in a juvenile revolution. The former is visceral motivation while the latter are strategic choices

Fifth, and possibly most importantly, juveniles are both drugged by their parents and self-medicated to escape and "perform."

The pharmaceutical industry for drugs that optimize the schoolability of children is massive. These potent moodaltering drugs are widely prescribed against the symptoms of repressed childhood (so-called attention deficit disorder, etc.,) and are now frequently marketed as "smart drugs." These are the Ritalins, etc., known as nootropics. Nootropics have spawned a pervasive black market among juveniles forced into "performance" work and are widespread among students

The self-medication to escape meaninglessness and powerlessness is both from substances and from technologically enabled stimulation (personal music devices, social media, communication technology). Much of the needed identity management is authentically communicative, such as You-Tube testimonials, status posts, and tweets, and is often supplemented by face-to-face continuations

In addition, there is a significant pot culture of escape. While pot (like all drugs) is a helpful personal exploration tool, it is also frequently primarily used to escape the brutal world by creating a safe space, and simply to dull the pain of being violated by the institutions of "education."

Thus, there are many effective avenues of personal identity management that allow long-term survival. The mental space is self-managed away from the visceral impulse of authentic rebellion. This is combined with the fact that students are still able to physically escape the institution, both in separate physical spaces, which can be as small as a student apartment, and via their computer and phone screens in the classroom or elsewhere.

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Sixth, although the school and university environments are brutally dehumanizing, in terms of institutional obedience-training and indoctrination, they are also accompanied by a constant brainwashing that the student has merit and high status by virtue of being in school, and that the student has entered a privileged club whose members experience fulfillment and meaning. And, within each program, there is "choice," which some students reason to themselves allows them to personalize their experience

Seventh, the media and institutional spaces are actively cleansed of any eminent examples of successful rebellions, and of the personal rewards of authentic rebellion. Teachers and professionals are harshly prosecuted for anything that could resemble "corrupting the youth." Instead, professional status and military service are portrayed as providing the ultimate

personal rewards.

Eighth, the constant and overbearing propaganda that there are mega-threats to humanity, including global warming, potential health epidemics, etc., that require dedicated collaboration with the establishment and its scientists. Addthethreatsfrom"foreigninvaders," and homegrown "terrorism," etc. All such research and propaganda also serves US corporate and geopolitical interests. Institutions and governments do not work against themselves, ever

For all these reasons (first to eighth, above), therefore, so far, there has not been a new juvenile revolution against student slavery. You can't even use the word "slavery" because that would be "misappropriation," blah blah

But it is slavery, just as wageslavery is slavery, and its damage is deep and lasting. And as with any slavery, there is a large psychological barrier against recognizing the slavery. Every slave has invested into the system and identifies with the system. To reject slavery would be to vaporize one's identity and could induce massive grief at the prospect of having lost one's past life

So, will the student-slaves ever revolt again? Will there be another mass juvenile revolution?

I believe it is inevitable. There are constant sparks, and the gasoline of human suppression is just under the corporate facade. Institutional totalitarianism is advancing at a furious pace. The war economy of global exploitation has endless needs. Rebellions are emerging all over the "developing world", and newgeopoliticalblocs (e.g., BRICS) are emerging that challenge US domination, which breaks the isolation and forces some moderation both abroad and at home

At any moment, the sight of beach sand from under the broken pavement could cause a frenzy. There could result real physical solidarity against the targeting of the most daring, the emergence of vision, and the organization of a committed juvenile front

This can only work if the next juvenile revolution goes significantly beyond the juvenile revolution of the 1960s, beyond minority representation on committees, and on towards true power to run the institutions of juvenile imprisonment and make them into institutions for and byjuveniles. Students are workers in the economy and must, as a start, be fairly paid for their labour, as the first transitional demand

Never mind tuition, students must be salaried. If society wants juveniles to do the hard work of learning skills, because society wants those skills, then a living wage is an immediate prerequisite. This was understood in the Middle Ages but has been "forgotten." Youth cannot be used as a pretext to exploit and capture

Children were taken from factory wage-slavery and put into factory schools. Now juveniles accumulate debt for the "privilege" of being molded into service professionals

Sooner or later, there will be the next juvenile revolution, and university president salaries will drop. Students will fire and choose their teachers, and will decide what needs to be learned. They will learn how to make all the most important decisions about their own lives, by the practice of making those decisions. And they will learn how to make and re-create powerful institutions made in their liberated image rather than controlled by outside occupiers

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No News is Good News

Enjoy your return to campus...but let's try to make it through the week without triggering another international incident.

John Hillman Opinions Editor

know this is an exciting time of year. Everyone is recharged after a summer free from readings, essays, and exams. The weather is beautiful, you have your pick of booze-fueled bacchanalia every night of the week, and there isn't an assignment in sight for at least the next two weeks. If ever there was a moment during the school year to cut loose and have a good time, this is it

Please, though, I'm begging you: try not to do anything too stupid

I just ran a Google news search on "Dalhousie." The top results included an alleged drug war, an alleged student-on-student homicide, a security lockdown over the threatened assassination of a dean, a raging inferno on campus, starving students, and a resilient rape culture

We're reaching a critical mass of negative news coverage. Content-hungry reporters smell blood in the water. Dalhousie is developing a reputation for producing compelling, seedy, lowhanging stories, like some sort of 24/7 Trump press conference. Network vans stalk the outskirts of campus whenever it's a slow news day, the reporters inside salivating in anticipation of the next sordid tale from our little hotbed of privilege and poor lifechoices. Things that might have gone largely unnoticed in previous years will be dissected under the media microscope this time around – we're one clueless freshman's Dukes of Hazzard poster away from the CBC branding our campus 'Ferguson North'

We need to take control of this situation. I know it may be tough, but we need to go at least a semester without producing a national scandal. We need to treat each other with respect and compassion, and we need to make sure to make smart decisions that don't end in grainy videos trending on TMZ.

I know this won't be a problem for most of you. If behaving like a decent human being isn't enough incentive to shape up though – then, well, you're probably the kind of person I'm trying to reach

The thing is, there are plenty of self-serving reasons to rein in

the douchebaggery. Aside from salvaging the reputation of your future degree, you need to consider the immediate financial costs of your behaviour

According to the University, Dalhousie spent over \$650,000 last year dealing with the fallout from the Dentistry scandal. That's \$50,000 per Facebook-group man-child, and probably closer to \$150,000 if you only count the ones who were actively posting gross content. If that's the going rate for damage control on some disturbing posts made on a private Facebook page, then I'm sure Dalhousie accountants are whiteknuckling their calculators right now as 18,000 returning Tigers rampage their way back into the city with all the subtlety of Attila's horde.

The money spent managing student indiscretions is coming directly out of our tuition. For any self-obsessed assholes out there who fail to see a problem in this, what do you think will happen when your parents can no longer afford to foot the bill for your four-year excuse to avoid the responsibilities and expectations of the real world? (Let's just say that while your morning-class prof may not care if you shuffle into the auditorium 40 minutes late wearing lastnight's clothes and a pair of sunglasses, the shift manager at Tim Hortons will be less understanding of your Tuesday night kegger commitments.)

Clearly, we need lock this down now.

A few humble suggestions for avoiding potentially newsworthy screw-ups:

- If you find yourself in a bitter a dispute with a professor or professors, instead of threatening to hurt them, take a deep breath and simply email them a copy of NS Bill 100. Why threaten their ephemeral mortal lives when you can crush their immortal soul?

- Unless you are a seasoned local, avoid Dartmouth. I have a century and a half worth of anecdotes and Gazette articles that indicate nothing good ever comes of naive Dalhousians crossing the harbour. If someone proposes a trip to Ralph's Place, for the love of God, start slashing tires

- Avoid making Bill Cosby jokes. A moment may come this semester when you think you have the perfect Cosby joke that that world needs to hear. Sleep on it. If you still think it's a good idea to tweet it in the morning, email me. I will come over, guide you to the nearest campus construction site, and pulverize your phone and laptop into a fine powder using heavy machinery

- Do not publicly declare your commitment to supporting Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and the Islamic State. This has not yet been a problem on campus (as far as I'm aware), but the way things have been going, I figured I'd address this before a deadlinepressed reporter pops out of the bushes and tries to goad you into it

I know that this sort of consistent application of common sense and restraint isn't going to be easy for everyone. If you feel weak, though, remember: we don't have to be perfect forever, we just need to hold things together until SMU screws up in a national scandal kind of way. It's been almost two years now, so they're definitely overdue.

SORRY CBC, **BUT NO ONE'S CONFUSING THE** SOUTH END FOR **NWA-ERA** COMPTON

Shannon Slade Staff Contributor

A little over a week ago, the CBC posted an article on their website detailing one woman's harrowing account of life on the streets of the drug-mecca that is the South End. The article states that South Street is "practically in the crossfire of a drug war," that the neighborhood and its families are in danger and that the parents who drop their children off at the local daycare and nursery would be "horrified" to know the ugly truth.

Ahh, fear-mongering. It's a time-honored tradition in the media, and in our society. It's been with us since the first caveman shaman realized he could scare up a few extra slabs of mammoth meat if he convinced his clan that angry spirits demanded offerings. Really, I can't fully fault the CBC for this article-the content practically presented itself on a silver platter. Two young men, privileged and white, allegedly get caught up in the drug game, and one tragically dies at the hand of the other. All of this, taking place on the campus of one of the most expensive universities in the country and in a neighborhood filled with milliondollar properties. (Before I continue, I want to say that in no way amImakinglightofTaylorSamson's murder; it's devastating and tragic. The pain his family and friends are goingthrough is unfathomable and my thoughts and sympathies are

with them.)

ate hits for the CBC, especially from concerned parents who are about to send their children to Dalhousie.Lookingatthisparticulararticle next to their other stories about the Samson case though, it sticks out like a sore thumb. It wasn't a necessary piece of journalism providing valuable update on the state of the investigation-itwashysteria-stoking clickbait.

I'm trying not to make too much fun of the anonymous woman in the article, for she, or at least someone claiming to be her, made a post on Reddit stating that she had been misquoted and that they had left a lot of her comments out of the article. However, if she did say that South Street is caught in the crossfire of a drug war, then she probably hasn't been that exposed to a neighborhood riddled with drug problems. Whether she hasornot, the CBC definitely knows the difference.

I've lived on South Street for a few years now; the alleged murder scene is about a minute-anda-half walk from my front door. I'm not at all worried about living here, and I'm one of the most careful, suspicious people you will ever meet. It's just that I have lived in areas that really have have been seriously shaped by drugs in very unfortunateways.WhenIwasgrowingup,I would wake up in the middle of the night to the police dragging people out of the nearby crackhouse. I would later see some of those people get into brawls in the middle of the day when I was coming home fromschool; I remember them bru-

An article like that will gener-

talizing each other as needles flew out of their jacket pockets in a way that would have been almost cartoonish if it wasn't so disturbing.

I went to sleepovers at my best friend's house every weekend - she lived in one of the absolute worst areas in the city, a neighbourhood that made my street look like a quiet, immaculate suburb by comparison. When we were twelve, as we swung on swings outside of her house, we heard gunshots nearby. We just shrugged and went inside. We were so young, but we were already resigned and accepting of the fact that this was just the way the world was.

I'm not bringing this up to make myself sound street-smart or "hard." I'mdefinitelynot. I'msoftlike amarshmallow, and violence makes me nervous to the point of feeling ill. It's just that I've been exposed to the ugly world of drugs and addiction from a young age, and when I see an article like the one on the

CBC website, I can't help but roll my eyes. I'm not saying the South End doesn't have a drug problem – clearly it does, as someone was just allegedly murdered over drugs - but I'm willing to bet every area in the city has drug issues to at least some degree.

What the CBC did was post an article designed to bring in as many hits as possible, by capitalizing on anxieties and painting a relatively peaceful neighborhood as dangerous. They exploited a very sad situation at a time when people were anxious to find out more information, and they fostered panic in people who may have previouslyfeltthattheyortheiruniversity-bound children were safe. We should expect more from our publicly funded news coverage.

To incoming freshmen and their parents: don't let the manufactured paranoia get to you. As long as you use common sense - like you should anywhere else in the world - the neighbourhood is fine. That sketchy guy on the corner probablyisn'tacharismaticstick-up man whistling 'The Farmer in the Dell'; he's more likely an annoyingly zealous frosh trying to guilt you into donating to Shinerama. As for which one is scarier ... well, come to think about it, that may depend on how much change you have in your pocket.



From the Archives: Welcome to Dalhousie

John Hillman Opinions Editor

Orientation Week over the Decades

Orientation Week (previously known as Initiation Week or Frosh Week) has long been one of the most hectic, exciting stretches of Dal's yearly cycle. Originating in the earliest days of the university – the Gazette was already reporting on hazing controversies in 1870 – it is as much a part of the Dalhousie tradition as complaining about exams and bemoaning student apathy. While hazing has thankfully taken a backseat over the last fifteen years or so, our modern Orientation Week continues to fulfill the same primal right-of-passage impulse that motivated its humiliation-happy predecessors. The following stories and pictures chronicle over 100 years of Freshmen joining the Dalhousie family.

"RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF FRESH-MEN" Issue 29-1 – October 1, 1896

1. Always touch your hat to a Sophomore.

2. Always say Sir to Dr. Price.

3. Don't bring any of your Preston loves to the college halls.

4. Speak the sacred name of Lord John rarely, and that with awe and reverence.

5. Don't suck sticks of candy or chew ginger-bread in the class room.

6. Change your linen at least once a month.

7.Semi-annualbathswithpearline, sand and ashes are strongly recommended (To those unable to bath themselves Dr. and Mrs. Price will attend for a small fee.

8. Freshies from South Shore will carry disinfectants in the toes of their boots.

9. Cigarettes and canes carried by freshmen are an especial abomination to the profs. Therefore beware.

10. Always lie to the professor, as this is a time honored custom among the verdants.

11. Do not fail to carry in your cheek a quarter plug of black-jack ; for a stream of brown tobacco juice on the chin enlivens the verdant monotony of the Freshman's countenance. 12. Don't converse with Freshettes without first obtaining the permission of a Sophomore.

13. Pour all your sorrows into the ears of a Senior or Junior, for he can give you much sage advice in your struggle with this wicked world.

14. Finally, covet not the good looks of the Sophs., but bear with patience the wonderful verdancy of your age. Then, after passing all your sups., and having qualified in the above rules, you shall enter into that state of perfect bliss which remains always the lot of a Sophomore.

"Freshmen Regulations" Issue 70-1 – October 1, 1937

F reshmen shall, during the period of initiation speak to every upper classmate he or she meets on the Campus. The said Freshman or Freshette will address the upper classmate with the familiar "Hello."

Freshmen shall during the period of initiation spend at least five minutes daily in the Dalhousie UniversityStore; 15 minutes in the MacDonaldLibrary and half an hour in the Gymnasium. This regulation has been made to acquaint you with the three major points of interest at Dalhousie.

Freshmen are obliged to supply all underclassmen with a match upon request.

Freshmen will be compelled to attend all meetings held for them. Attendance will be taken and whether it be a business meeting, theatre party or dance, the absentee will be severely dealt with.

Freshmen shall wear the regalia provided for them by the Sophomore committee everywhere within the borders of the Campus. Freshmen shall link themselves with at least one of the following Dalhousie student organization – Dalhousie Gazette. Dalhousie Glee Club. Dalhousie Band. Sodales Debating Society.

Freshmen shall make an effort to contact some official of the organization in which he or she is interested and offer his or her services.

Failure to comply with the above set of regulations will involve the offender in a set of very unpleasant consequences. Alibis and excuses will avail you little. Your punishment lies in the hands of the Sophomore Initiation Committee.

Signed,

THESOPHOMOREINITIATIONCOMMITTEE.

The Sophomore Initiation Committee would appreciate the co-operation of the student body in carrying out the list of regulations. The idea of having the freshmen speak to the upperclassmen has been made to establish a quick acquaintance between both groups. Let's have your co-operation.



"Initiation Trials End For Frosh Delinquents" Oct. 13, 1944

CROSSINGTHEFINISHLINEin last week's dramatic "Vaseline Race" are Freshette delinquents, Ruth Manning and Marge Schwartz. Supported by the mike, "Prosecutor" Don Harris, is giving an awesome account of the proceedings to a sadistic assemblage of onlookers. Task of recording this event for posterity was assigned to R. Tuck, newlyappointed staff cartoonist of The Gazette.



"Frosh Scroungers Turned Loose"– Oct. 12, 1945

P ROPERTY around the city was not safe last Thursday night as the Frosh class went a-scrounging with a scavenger hunt. Bob Roome met them in the Gym with a list of items to bring back, among which were a ten-cent stamp, a live house fly, a doll, a red pencil, a horse-hair, matches from Normans or the GreenLantern, and the venerable Gus. The parties set out after their loot and thirty minutes later the winning group was back carrying all the spoils. The winning party consisted of Janice Thomas, Mary Lou Christie, Harlow Fielding, Howard Pyeand Basil Bloomer."

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Getting oriented with Halifax

Entertainment within walking distance

Paola Tolentino Arts Contributor

One of the great conveniences of Dalhousie, and Halifax in general, is that it's easy to get around.

Mic Mac Mall is only a bus ride away, but if you want to enjoy the weather before winter hits, here are a few walkable places near campus:

IF YOU LIKE BOOKS:

• Halifax Central Library, which opened last year, is fifteen minutes from the Carleton Campus on Spring Garden Rd. With five glass floors, it's kind of hard to miss it.

• Bookmark, also on Spring Garden, is an independent bookshop that features local authors.

• Trident Bookseller and Café on Hollis St. has a nice selection of second-hand books.

IF YOU LIKE COFFEE:

- • Just Us! Café is a co-op house-turned-coffee shop on Spring Garden that hosts many events throughout the year.
- • Humani-t Café on South Park Street has not only good coffee but great gelato as well.
- The Coburg Coffee Shop is an ideal place to study, being on Coburg St next to Studley Campus. It's also a good place to wait for the bus, since it's directly in front of the stop for the #1.
- • Choco Cafe, on the waterfront, has make-your-own-hot-chocolate and an ocean view. Can you really ask for more?
- • World Tea House on Argyle, across from the Neptune Theatre, has a great varieTEA of drinks.
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IF YOU LIKE FOOD:

- Most restaurants can be found on Argyle St., but Market and Grafton streets also have some options.
- Take advantage of the fact that the Waterfront's food stalls are still open while you can.



IF YOU LIKE SHOPPING:

Photo by Charlotte Butcher

- • Spring Garden and Quinpool are the two best streets for shops.
- It's fun to browse the waterfront Farmer's Market.
- • Again, take advantage of the fact that the waterfront is still open, especially if you want to buy local souvenirs or artwork!

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- The Pier 21 Museum of Immigration displays Canada's rich, multicultural history.
- The Dalhousie Arts Centre is right next to the Weldon Law building, and offers shows year-round from concerts, to operas, to lectures.

IF YOU LIKE WALKING AROUND:

IF YOU LIKE ARTS AND MUSEUMS:

- The Public Gardens are a nice break from the turmoil of the city, and feature paths, ponds and geese.
- Point Pleasant park is very close as well, and can be reached by either walking or taking the #9.
- The Commons are not only a good place to walk around, but also offer roller blading and skating during the summer.
- This isn't even mentioning larger events such as the Atlantic Film Fest, Nocturne, the Halifax Pop Explosion, Halifax Burger Week and the multiple amounts of festivals and events that the city hosts through the year. Halifax might not be as large as Toronto, but there's never really a shortage of entertainment in the city.

More than meal halls

Using Food Bucks off-campus

Paola Tolentino Arts Contributor

f you're living in residence this year, you're only getting away without a mandatory meal plan if you're one of the lucky few living within LeMarchant Place.

Having a meal plan is not all disadvantages – you never have to worry about Tuesday night lineups at the Atlantic Superstore or doing your dishes.

Yet, while year-round ice cream is definitely a bonus, sometimes it's nice to get a break from the meal halls.

This is where Food Bucks come in. All meal plans have a certain amount of money you can spend on restaurants both on and offcampus.

The options on campus are somewhat limited – Tim Hortons, Second Cup, and Subway being some of the most frequented. Off-campus partners offer a bit more variety, with restaurants ranging from sushi to Boston Pizza to frozen yogurt.

Sobey's (Queen Street location only), Atlantic Superstore, the Jubilee Junction convenience store and Nova Pharmacy/convenience store also take Food Bucks, and also offer 5 per cent cash back when you pay with your Dalcard. Remember that meal halls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on weekdays (with the exception of Shirreff, which is open until 8 p.m.), and from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekends, so it's probably a good idea to know what places to call for takeout if you're planning on some late night studying (or, more likely, Netflix-binging before midterms start).

ON THE FRINGES

Atlantic Fringe Festival on until the 13th

Paola Tolentino Arts Contributor

The Atlantic Fringe Festival, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, kicks off this week.

The festival is a display of experimental and artistic theater, aiming to provide interesting and accessible entertainment.

This year, Fringe boasts 12 venues and 50 shows – most being \$10 or under, and running at multiple times and dates.

The tradition of Fringe festivals started in the 1940s in Edinburgh, when eight theatre groups arrived unannounced to the city's large international theatre festival but had to settle for non-central venues when the rest of the venues were packed.

This tradition kept on going, growing larger in North America

than in any other continent. Though younger than the Edinburgh festival, the Atlantic Fringe Festival has a dynamic history and a growing reputation.

This year, the shows performed include a Montréal Fringe Festival best film script nominee (Drag Queen Stole my Dress), a story about the fall of a superhero (Heroic), a multimedia show that blends live animation with music and projection (Many Loves), a live theater zine (Sit On My Face), a comedy about a riot (Agitprop) and, of course, a comedy night. Tickets can either be purchased at the door or at tickethalifax. com. More information about the shows, along with a full schedule, can be found at atlanticfringe.ca.

Walking home on Edwards street, at some twenty minutes past the midnight.

I stop and notice on the gravel, of a kitten, small and black in my sight.

His fur was barely different from the grass of the lawn adjacent

dappled orange in the light, it was his activity that my attention lent.

Amidst the gravel drive he was on, a small mouse, split open, gasped its last gasps.

The kitten knelt down, and with its jaws, bit down onto the rodent, and in its teeth clasps.

It walked down towards me, the paws lightly landing, onto the gravel surface, crunch, crunch, crunch

And it stared wide eyed at me, it's eyes gleaming in the dim light, as the teeth cracked down onto the skull, crunch, crunch.

l waited awhile, and then let it be, letting this scene of south end violence remain in only mind,

where others would, if they searched afterwards, would a contented feline they find.

By William Coney



GET OFF RIGHT

Some Myths and Facts of Sex in University

Rosalie Fralick

Myth:

Fact:

Myth:

Fact:

man always wants sex.

It's always the man that wants sex, and the

Everyone's sex drive is different. Some

men want sex all the time, some

never want it, and the majority will

fall somewhere in between. Similarly

women can want to have sex all the

for sex under sometimes, in some

accept the other person's answer.

your partner is on their period.

situations. Don't make assumptions

about whether or not someone wants

sex. instead, communicate clearly and

There's no chance of pregnancy if you or

Sperm can survive in a vagina for up to

seven days and an egg can survive for

up to three, because of this a woman

can get pregnant on any day of her cycle. It's fine to have sex with someone

while they're on their period, but be sure to use protection like any other

time of the month.

time, never at all or most likely a desire

Staff Contributor

Myth:

If you're not putting a penis in a vagina you don't need to use a condom.

Fact:

You can catch STIs from all different types of activities. There are a lot of great ways to protect yourself during oral, manual and anal sex. For oral sex, dental damns and condoms are a great option. For manual sex there are gloves with that exact purpose. When it comes to anal sex, be sure that you're using a condom and a good amount of lube. Unless you're already in a monogamous, fluid-bonded relationship, there's always a way to protect yourself.

Myth:

The more people a woman has sex with, the looser her vagina will be.

Fact: This is just

This is just not how vaginas work. Vagina's are incredibly elastic in nature and will bounce back from a significant majority of activities. If you do feel like you'd like your vagina to be stronger you can always do kegel exercises.

Myth:

Your first time is supposed to hurt.

Fact

It doesn't have to! The biggest part of this myth is the idea that during the first time a woman will "pop her cherry." What people are talking about here is the hymen and it shouldn't be ripped or popped! The hymen stretches and as long as you go slowly and use lube, there's no reason for your sexual debut to be a physically painful experience.



Fun Facts About Dal

Sabina Wex Managing Editor

1. In a 2012 survey of sexually active Dal students, 46 per cent admitted to not using a condom during their last intercourse.

2. Dal is mad Insta-famous: there are 34,309 posts tagged #dalhousie.Sadly,likeallInstastarsknow,there are a million other places hoping to be Dalhousie, from towns in Scotland to your semi-cute childhood pics

3. Studley Campus is located 300 metres away from the Atlantic Ocean. Now you can tell all your land-

locked friends about how you don't splash tap water on your face to wake yourself up, but jump in the ocean instead (for two months of the year, but that's enough to make yourself seem cool)

4. "Toast," a terrible song by notorious Joni Mitchell wannabe Tori Amos, mentions a "Dalhousie Castle." Is it ours? I hope not.

5. Two of the three founders of The Coveteur, aka the best fashion/lifestyle site ever, attended Dal (Stephanie Mark and Erin Kleinberg, in case you didn't readlast year's Dal alumni magazine).

Kalam, A Legend...

This poem is a tribute to the 11th President of India, A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, who died in July.

You were born in a place Blessed with the incarnation of the Almighty To bring back peace among the beings... You were down to earth Neither overwhelmed by the victories, Nor saddened by the failures.... You struggled your own way out of hardships... By treating these two imposters, just the same You adorned your crown... With two primal virtues: patience and respect... You've been an inspiration To the aspiring youth of our nation... You were kind and compassionate Uncaring of personality or attire... Hiding the real charm in your heart By lending a helping hand to the needy... You rejuvenate yourself, by a curve, the smile... You've been a great leader And a great follower of moral values... You were a man of integrity.. Who knew no difference between the religions... You were a man of creative thoughts and action... With passion perseverance and hard work until success... That transformed the lives of millions... You were a true legend who made history.... By being a pioneer in technological innovations... You've set a benchmark and left your footprints... To follow, in the sands of time... And ignited a spark in the minds of youngsters... Of your dream, a visionary India 2020!!! Which by your grace, would happen soon...w May you be born again.... Blessed with the wings of fire... To rise high up the sky... And to enlighten the awaiting millions... With your words of wisdom!!! By Balaviknesh Nagamanickam

IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?

Studying abroad in South Korea

Alex Florent Staff Contributor

W e live in a world where televisions, smartphones, video games and social media are some of our only connections to the outside world.

Instead of going out and exploring the world, we repost pins of future travel destinations and watch movies about extravagant vacations.

InlateJune,IdecidedIwanted to travel for my second year while taking distance courses: there was more out there than the approval of my followers on Instagram and Tumblr. I took a leap of faith and decided to change my scenery from a laptop screen to a baby blue sky and bright green trees.

I am a second-year student at Dalhousie, writing this article from the comfort of my home in East Asia.

My permanent home for the next eight months will be in Seoul, South Korea, though in the following months I will visit China, Vietnam, Japan, HongKong, Singapore, Japan and North Korea.

When I first arrived in Seoul, I was astonished how different and similar the city was compared to North America. Within my first few hours here I was able to see how significantly different the culture, landmarks, entertainment, transportation, heritage and environment is compared to Canada and the USA.

However, it is even more fascinating to see how Korea, Canada and the USA can be similar when it comes to food, shopping, museums, faith and the standard of living.

The biggest thing to catch my attention is how the atmosphere changes tremendously from block toblock.Onemomentyouwillbein aKorean-speakingarea, then only a few streets down you will run into

an area where there are many Europeans or Americans.

Living approximately 60km away from North Korea, it is interesting to learn about the truce between North and South Korea.

The demilitarized zone at the border of North and South Korea still exists, acting like the cold war never ended between the nations.

I see that through education and hardwork, South Koreanshave formed a new world for themselves and made their country inimitable with technology, knowledge and schooling.

By writing down my experiences, I hope to inspire other students to take a similar leap of faith.

There is nothing better in life than that feeling of excitement and anticipation when exploring a new world.

There's more to life than computers and phones - instead of using Google to answer all of your questions about life, go out there and find them yourself.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 4

Women's Soccer: Dal vs. Saint Mary's. 5 p.m. at Wickwire Field. Free with Dalcard.

Men's Soccer: Dal vs. Saint Mary's. 7 p.m. at Wickwire Field. Free with Dalcard.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Rad Frosh Kickoff. Learn what Rad Frosh and NSPIRG (the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group) are all about. Play board games, make your own sparkly consent-themed pillowcase, eat delicious snacks.1-3 p.m. at South House, 1443 Seymour St.

Monday, Sept. 7

Celebrate Labour Day: 16th Annual Labour Day March and Picnic. Organizing begins at 10:30 a.m. at Victoria Park (corner of Spring Garden Rd. and South Park St.), march ends at the South Commons Triangle for 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Career, Education and Settlement Fair. Register online for free interactive sessions at canadianimmigrant.ca/ careerfair/halifax. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the World Trade and Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle St., Halifax.

Rad Frosh Field Trip. Rad Frosh guides a walking field trip to the Anchor Archive Zine Library and the opening reception of the Our Bodies Our Blood community art show. Meet in front of the Student Union Building for 5 p.m. For more details on any event listed here, check out our online listings at dalgazette.com/ events. We add new events every week. To see your event listed here, email us at editor@ dalgazette.com with the title, time, location and description.

Our Bodies Our Blood: Opening Reception. "A group art project about menstruation, cultural shame and our stories." 7-9 p.m. at Plan B Halifax, 2180 Gottingen St., Halifax.

Glow-ga: Glow-in-the-Dark Yoga. Mats and glow accessories provided by Dal After Dark. Only for Dal students, bring your Dalcard. 8 p.m. at the Sexton Gym, 1360 Barrington St., Halifax.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Shine Day. First-year Dalhousie students raise money across the city for Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Beginning 8 a.m. throughout Halifax.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Black Student Advising Centre's Welcome Get Together Pizza Party. A welcome get-together and birthday celebration for all new and returning students of African descent. 12-2 p.m. at the Black Student Advising Centre, 1321 Edward Street, Halifax.

Toxic Legacies: Environmental Racism in Mi'kmaw & African Nova Scotian Communities. Dalhousie's Dr. Ingrid Waldron will explore processes where race, socioeconomic status and class get written into Nova Scotia's environmental policies. 7-9:30 p.m. at the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, 630 Francklyn St., Halifax.

Friday, Sept. 11

South House Re-Opening BBQ! Free BBQ and resources at the new space of Dalhousie's gender justice and education centre. Vegan and gluten-free options available. 2-6 p.m. at South House, 1443 Seymour St., Halifax.

Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag. Dal After Dark presents a mega glow game of Capture the Flag. Glow sticks and glow flags provided. 8 p.m. on the Studley Campus Quad

Saturday, Sept. 12

Rang Barse Festival of Colours. Live music, performances and games – get covered in colour while celebrating one of India's major festivals. 12-6 p.m. on the Studley Campus Quad. Tickets \$15 until Sept. 5, \$20 until Sept. 12, \$30 at the door.

Women's Soccer: Dal vs. Mount Allison. 1 p.m. at Wickwire Field. Free with Dalcard.

Men's Soccer: Dal vs. Mount Allison. 3:15 p.m. at Wickwire Field. Free with Dalcard.

Dive-in Movie. Presented by Dal After Dark, watch a movie from the comfort of the Dalplex Pool. Bring your Dalcard. 9:30 p.m. at Dalplex.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Women's Soccer: Dal vs. Acadia. 1 p.m. at Wickwire Field.

American Football: Dal vs. UNB Fredericton. 6 p.m. at Wickwire Field.

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You are now a TIGER

Wear it proud and wear it loud

Cam Honey Sports Editor

F or all new members of the Dalhousie community, welcome to one of the best schools in the world.You are now a Tiger – wear it proud and wear it loud.

To all returning Tigers, welcome back: let's go release the roar and make this an epic year for Dal athletics

I think it's safe to say that most of you newcomers did not come here because of Dal's reputation in sports. I also feel comfortable saying you should be pleasantly surprised at the quality of athletics here at Dal

Lastyear, the Tigerswere able to score eight – that is right, eight – AUS (Atlantic University Sport) titles, seven Coach of the Yearawards,9CIS(CanadianInteruniversitySport)all-Canadians, and 88 academic all-Canadians

These numbers put Dal athletics in the conversation with

the top athletic schools in Canada I could go on and on about how great last year was, but this is a new season, and in order to make '15-16 the best it can possibly be, I need to take a moment to get all you new Tigers up to speed on athletics here at Dal.

Varsity Teams

The Dalhousie Tigers are proudly represented in seven varsity sports by both men's and women's teams which compete in the AUS and CIS. Theyare, inalphabetical order: Basketball, Cross Country, Hockey, Soccer, Swimming, Trackand Field and Volleyball. We have varying levels of success in each sport, but that will be broken down in the individual team previews

Club Teams

Club teams are competitive teams that proudly boast the Tigers name but do not play at the AUS and CIS levels. The club teams are broken downintoTier1andTier2divisions.

Our Tier 1 sports clubs include Baseball, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Ringette, Rowing, Men's and Women's Rugby. The quality of play is actually pretty good at this level and we usually tend to be fairly competitive in the respective leagues

Our Tier 2 teams are a bit harder to get to, as the events are less frequent and more scattered across Atlantic Canada. Dal has a large selection of Tier 2 clubs

Badminton, the Black and Gold Dance Team, Breakdancing, Cheerleading, Curling, Dance, Fencing, Figure Skating, Judo, Kayaking, Masters Swim, Sailing, Taekwondo, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Water Polo and Women's Lacrosse allrepresentthe Tigers as Tier 2 club teams

Justtomakesureyouknow, all

of the Tigers teams are open to all Dal students. If you think you have what it takes to make a team, you better find out when the tryouts are and give it a shot!

The Leagues

Asalreadymentioned, allofourvarsity teams play in the AUS conference of the CIS. The winner of the AUS goes on to play the winners of other conferences in the CIS to compete for the national title.

Last year our Cross Country and Track and Field teams were able to bring home some medals at nationals, and the Men's Volleyball squad came oh-so-close with a fourth place finish

The club teams all play in different leagues against competition from Atlantic Canada. If they win, they are the champs. If you are looking for an even bigger sports fix, the Blue Devils of Dal's sister school, the University of Kings College, play in the ACAA (Atlantic CollegesAthleticsAssociation)against other universities and colleges in Atlantic Canada

Getting In

As I said above (and will say again later), if you go to Dal, you are a Tiger. That means that you get to go to all our home athletic events for FREE: you got it, \$0, nil, nadda, nothing. All you have to do is present your Dalcard on the way in and get ready to release the roar for your Tigers teams

Also, if you are anything like me, or most Canadian postsecondary students in, you will be pleased to know that there is beer available at Tigers home events.

Check out dalgazette.com/sports for an online -exclusive season preview of every Tigers team

REASONS TO BE EXCITED ABOUT TIGERS SPORTS

Cam Honey Sports Editor

1. Our teams are competitive.

Dal won eight Atlantic University Sport (AUS) titles in 2014-15: Men's Basketball, Men's and Women's Volleyball, Swimming, Track and Field and Cross Country all brought home championship banners last season. Each of these programs are primed for another run this year, while the teams that fell short have reloaded in the offseason to go after an AUS title in 2015-16.

2. Students get in for free.

That's right, you haven't misread – if you're a Dal student, you are a Tiger and you get to attend any home event for free! If you're looking for the full student experience, start off your night offun with a trip to the Dalplex or Wickwire Field. Cheer on your teams, your classmates, your school and kick the party off right.

3. There is alcohol (if you're over 19).

This one ties in perfectly with number 2 and speaks for itself.

4. The Dalplex can be a great place to watch a game.

Sure – it's another year older and may be a bit antiquated, but the Dalplex offers a superb atmosphere for watching a game. If some of the fan excitement showcased at the Scotiabank Centre from when the men's basket ball team won the AUS last season makes it into this year, then the Dalplex will be rocking.

5. Basketball.

As I've frequently mentioned, the men's team is coming off a stellar year. They took the school on a magical ride from a 5th seed playoff spot to an AUS championship. With nearly the entire roster returning this year, the defending champs are carrying a lot of momentum into this season and will be exciting to watch as they try for a repeat.

On the women's hard-court, the team has been having a strong offseason and will be looking to bring Dal the first women's b-ball banner since '00-'01.

Both of these teams are fun to watch and certainly worth the trip to the Dalplex.

6. Volleyball.

At the CIS and AUS levels, the volleyball is as intense and fastpaced as any sport you will see. The Men's Tigers Volleyball program has been no stranger to the top spot on the podium in the AUS in recent years.

The Men's team has won back-to-back AUS titles for the first time since their streak of 24 consecutive championships was broken in 2009-10

The Women's side was able to bounce back from a slow start in '14-15 to return to the top spot in the AUS for the third year in a row.

Each team has their sights set on getting back on top of the AUS this year and would certainly be worth the price of admission, if there were one.

7. On the track and in the pool.

The Tigers Track and Field and Swim programs are as good as there is in the AUS. The Men's and the Women's sides of both programs have been dominant for decades. All four groups were able to reclaim the AUS title last season after each uncharacteristically fell short in 2013-14 (the shortest of the four streaks broken that year was 12 seasons). Going into this season, the Track and Field and Swimming Tigers will be looking to start new streaks atop the AUS.

8. Hockey.

As a Canadian university, it feels odd to say that hockey has not been Dal's forte, but the Tigers just have not been able to make their mark on the ice. The only AUS title the school has won in the sport came from the Men's team back in 1978-79.

The Men's team has been having a rough go the last couple of years as they have been on the outside looking in come playoff time. However, this offseason has been outstanding on paper, as the Tigers have added seven players with CHL experience to their roster.

Watching this team develop and gel together will be entertaining as they look to get back into the playoff picture this year.

The Women's Hockey Tigershave faired better recently as they made it to the semi-finals of the AUS last year before losing to StFX.

The Women's side also had a successful offseason, adding three quality recruits from Ontario's Provincial Women's Hockey League. The Tigers are hoping this additional firepower is what they need to capture the first AUS women's hockey title in Dal's history.

It might be tough to get out to the Forum/Civic Centre to watch these teams play, but the AUS is quality hockey – and giving these teams more support at home could be just what they need to own the AUS this year.

9. The quest to bring back Varsity Football.

The Tigers Football team has not played a varsity game since the end of the 1976 season when Dal admin tragically decided to scrap the program. Reincarnated in 2010, the Tigers Football Club is a Tier 1 club team that plays in the Atlantic Football League.

The team is working hard on its goal to be able to return to varsity status and bring CIS and AUS football to Wickwire Field.

The performance on the field this season will go a long way in determining how close the program is to achieving its goal.

It was a tough go last year as the team struggled to a third place tie in the four-team league. However, with a full year of recruiting and offseason training, the 2015 Tigers will be looking to win it all and take home the Moosehead Cup this season.

This is the one team that you actually have to pay to see, as gaining entry will cost you \$5. The money is for a good cause, though, as there will be at least a \$1,000,000 entry fee to the CIS to bring varsity football back to Dal.

Nothing says student life more than heading down to the field on Saturdays in autumn to cheer on your school's football team.

10.Intramurals.

If you want to get out for some fun and exercise, then Dal intramurals is the place to get it. There is everything from flag football and ultimate Frisbee to inner tube water polo (which is a lot more challenging than it sounds). You can put your own team together or sign up solo to join in the fun. Whatever your interest may be, get on out there and have yourself a time!

The Tigers' Roar

Dal's athletic leaders look forward to the year ahead

Cam Honey Sports Editor

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The clock winds down and 400ecstatic Tigersfans, deckedout in black and gold, storm the court to celebrate Dal's Atlantic University Sport Championship in men's basketball. On March 1, the Tigers defeated their crosstown rival, the St. Mary's Huskies, 88-78 in overtime to complete their unlikely run to only the fourth AUS title in the program's history

"I played here 20 years ago and I had not seen that type of pride demonstrated before. We have lots to be proud of at Dalhousie,"saysathleticdirectorTimMaloney

"I think we're sometimes shy about showing it, but we owe it to ourselves to have that kind of pride here."

Bigger student turnout a priority

Dalhousie has 18,500 students. Last year our men's hockey team's season high for attendance, discountinggamesagainstthe Huskieswhoshare the Halifax Forumas their home rink, was 207, against St Francis Xavier University

If just 10 per cent of the student body were to attend Tigers home games, attendance would be 1,850.

In comparison, the aforementioned AUS Champion men's basketballTigers team's season high in home attendance was 403, against the crosstown Huskies on Nov. 21

The AUS Champion women'svolleyballTigerssawtheir biggest home crowd listed at 100 onNov.16againstCapeBretonUniversity, while the AUS Champion Men's Volleyball Tigers had 150 people in the seats against Memorial University on Nov. 15

Getting a bigger student turnout to home games is a priority for Maloney

"I would love to see more students [...] want to come and we need to create an environment where they want to come," says Maloney.

"More importantly, that when they're there they have a great experience, that they have fun. Going to university should be fun."

Dan Ota, the head coach of the AUS Champion and fourth in the CIS men's volleyball Tigers, adds that the home attendance at volleyball games is good when compared to national averages in men's volleyball. He also believes more can be done to engage students

"It's not just one thing," says Ota. "Obviously, people need to like the product and they have to feel like they have a real affinity with what our programs on campus have."

Rick Scott, two-time AUS Coach of the Year and the head coach of the current AUS Champion women's volleyball Tigers, coached high school for 15 years before becoming a coach at Dal

He feels there's much to learn from the turnout at high school sports events

"When [high school] teams would make the playoffs the whole student body would get behind them," says Scott.

"It became a part of your community, a part of your school, that pride in your school. You know, there's tunes going, there's some action, you can have a good time with your friends for two hours and then carry that on afterward."

Maloney feels there are things to be learned from some top U.S. schools such as Duke, Notre Dame and Stanford as well.

"They have very strong academic programs with very successful athletics," says Maloney.

"The engagement and the pride with those athletic programs, the CameronCrazies[Duke]orthestudent section at a Notre Dame football game, you can see the importance and the value that those have in the campus culture. I think we have a lot of room to grow here."



The Tigers celebrate in March after winning their first AUS championship since 2011. ••• Photos by Jennifer Gosnell

The benefits of having fans

Another benefit of getting more students to come to games is generating extra revenue

"I don't know if all of our students know this but they get into our games for free," says Maloney

"If we have more students there, it creates a fun environment where the general public wants to come too and they do have to pay. Then you may have a more attractive environment for corporate sponsorship and events ponsorship where we can start to fund the programs with other streams of revenue."

In addition to free entrance for students, alcohol is for sale at all Tigers games at the Dalplex to students 19 and older.

"I didn't know you got in for free and could drink," says Leah Mac-Donald, a first-year arts student

"I'm not really into athletics but I would totally go have a good time and party if that's the case." Maloney believes that sports events, along with concerts and other events, are platforms to bring people together

"If you bring enough people together you're bound to have a good time," says Maloney. "That is my vision for our programs."

Tigers succeeding outside of sports, too

Maloney describes the priorities of Dalhousie Athletics as being an uncommon combination of excellence in academics, athletics and the community. The academic goal is being met: this year, 88 Tigers were Academic All-Canadians, meaning they had a GPA of at least 3.43 while competing in varsity athletics.

"That is almost 40 per cent of our student athlete body, which on a per-capita basis is the fifth best in Canada and the tops for any U-15 school," says Maloney.

"That is exceptional, and then you look at what our student athletes do in the community and it's something to be proud of."

The programs are achieving athletically as well

"Winning championships is certainly [...] something we strive for," says Maloney.

"Thisyear we won eight Conference [AUS]Championships which is the most we've won in 10 years and the second most in 25 years. I think success and winning can be infectious and help create the culture we want to have here and hopefully generate some excitement around the programs."

Tigers athletes are also winning in the community, as they contributed over 2,000 hours of community service this year

Thevarsityathleticsprograms at Dal have the ability to touch a large amount of students on campus, explains Ota

"There are moments when you really see that connection," says Ota, referring to the atmosphere at the Scotiaank Centre from Feb. 27-March. 1

"We were seeing hundreds of Dal fans in black and gold storming the court three straight games and they really got caught up in this magical ride that the men's basketball team went on. I'm sure that for every one of the Dal fans that were in attendance, it's something that they'll never forget."

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