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Your elected DSU Executives 2014-2015. From left: Danny Shanahan (VP Student Life), Jennifer Nowoselski (VP Internal), Ramz Aziz (President), Mahbubur Rahman (VP Finance and Operations), and Jacqueline Skiptunis (VP Academic and External). PHOTO: CALNEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Welcome Home!


The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) is our collective student voice on campus. If you're a Dalhousie Student, you're a member of the DSU and there are over 17,000 of us! We work together to make sure we get the most out of our experience at Dalhousie. This means advocating on student issues, building community on campus through events and societies (we have over 200), and organizing services so we can support each other and save money!

We want to thank you for electing us to the executive team. We're really excited to meet and work with you this year!

Come out to a Town Hall or Council meeting, stay connected through the website (dsu.ca), Facebook (Dalhousie Student Union) and the DSU APP or send us

a good ol' fashion email!

Whatever your preferred mode of communication, please stay in touch!

We look forward to working with you. 

DALFEST

Sept. 12-14

We're all here; let's celebrate with live music from Hey Rosetta, Shad and many more awesome bands, society carnival and a football game!

Town Hall

Sept. 22, 6-8pm in the SUB

Once a month the DSU comes together to reflect on our work and brainstorm new ideas. Town Halls are a great place to meet people with similar goals and interests while creating the changes that we want to see in our community.

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letter from the editor



Welcome to your endless orientation

Jesse Ward
Editor-in-Chief

If you've enrolled at Dalhousie following the summer after your final year of high school, your parents and elementary school teachers could never have accurately imagined what your first weeks at university would look like.

Around the time your life started, one of Dalhousie's head staff in Information Services told the school's Board of Governors that Dal was facing competition in keeping up with technology.

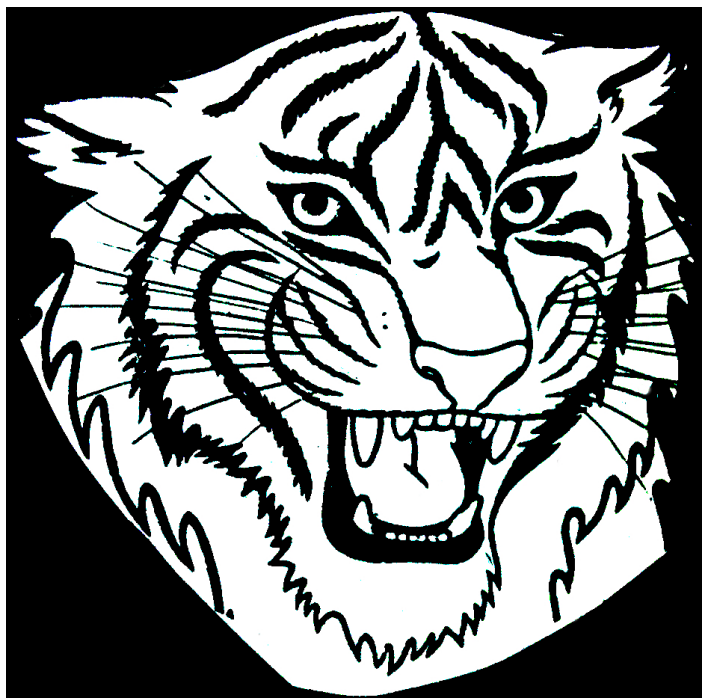
In February 1997, Morven Wilson told the board his department was providing for the "burgeoning desire to include computer-based methods in teaching," and "the need for near-universal student access to a computer with suitable applications software and connection to the internet".

By 2014, these desires have been met. Many first-year courses at Dalhousie now feature guided tours of Powerpoint slides as the main method of instruction, and perpetually-connected students juggle watching these slides with attending to smartphone notifications.

Changes are taking place quickly, and it's easy to lose sight of the past in the face of constant newness in our lives. For example, while Dal's ads may make it seem like the iconic Henry Hicks Building has always been our base of commands, we're no longer on the original site of the school. Dalhousie College was founded at Grand Parade Square in downtown Halifax, at the current location of city hall.

For some time after moving to our current campuses, Dal kept its ties with this location.

In September 1989, the Dalhousie Gazette covered a Frosh Week event where the president of the Dalhousie



Student Union milked a cow in the square, purportedly in observance of an old bylaw allowing Dalhousie College students the privilege of this activity.

But we don't milk cows in the square any longer, and now we don't celebrate Frosh Week, either. Within recent years, Dalhousie isn't the only school that has moved away from calling its first-week celebrations Frosh Week – this year, Saint Mary's University is celebrating *Welcome Week*.

These changes are occurring at universities nationwide to encourage a move away from connotations of alcohol and hazing, and reframe this week as the beginning of a year-long orientation.

Today, everyone is faced with constant orientation – disruptive technologies and precarious working conditions have people and institutions alike constantly working to adapt to new demands. This means finding

innovative ways to solve problems, not following a pre-built track like in a certain Game of Life. It means constant orientation, whether we like it or not.

Here at the Gazette, it's our hope this issue will help you in your orientation – or, for returning students, reacquaintance – with life at Dalhousie. But let's not let our relationship end there.

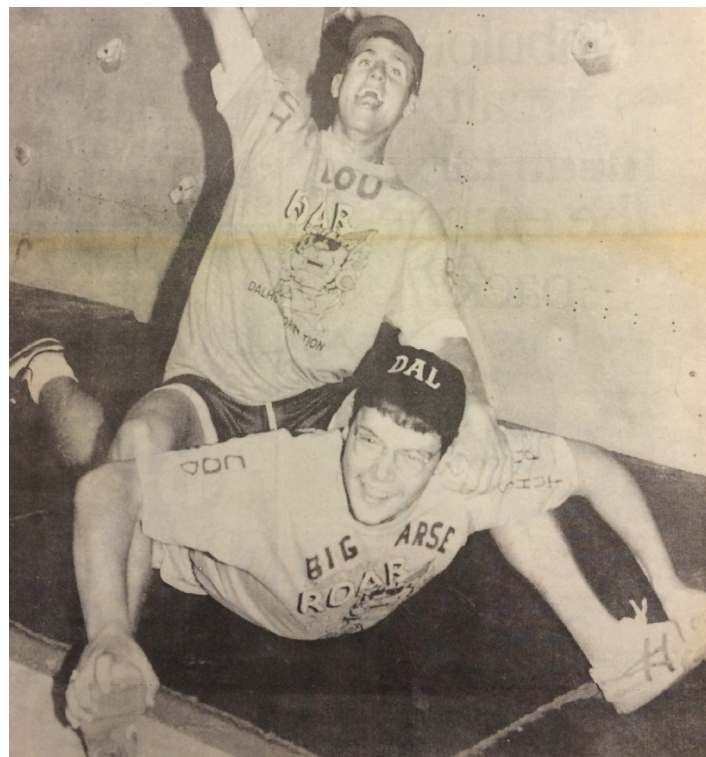
We're excited to be in our 147th volume of serving as the student voice of Dalhousie, and we'd love it if you would join us.

Our contributor meetings are held every week at 6:30 p.m. in room 312 of the Student Union Building, starting September 8.

If you have any interest in reporting, photography, illustration, data or sports – or you'd just like to get more involved in the Dal community – please drop by. We serve free pizza and welcome all students.

For now, enjoy your orientation – it never ends. ☹

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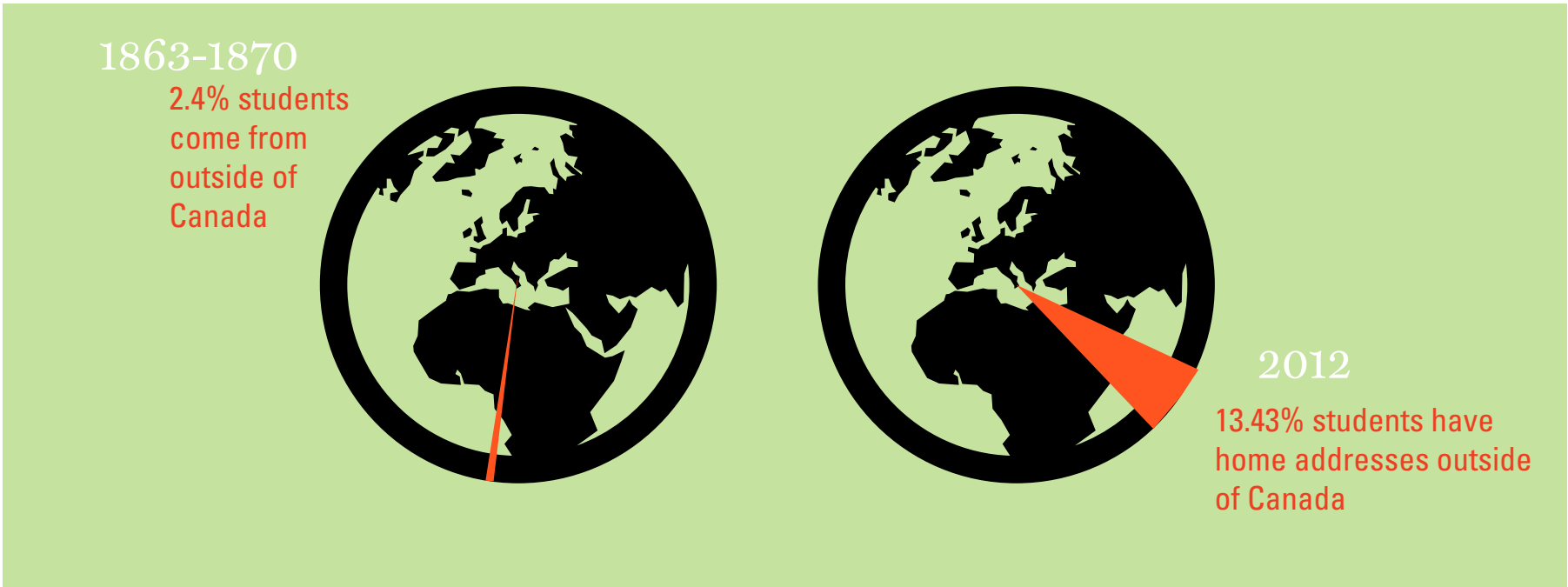
Feel the roar in '94 – frosh week twenty years ago. / Photo by Mike Devonport

2004



Shinerama, 2004. / Photo by Quentin Casey/Loukas Crowther

Dalhousie by the numbers



1881
year women are first admitted to Dalhousie

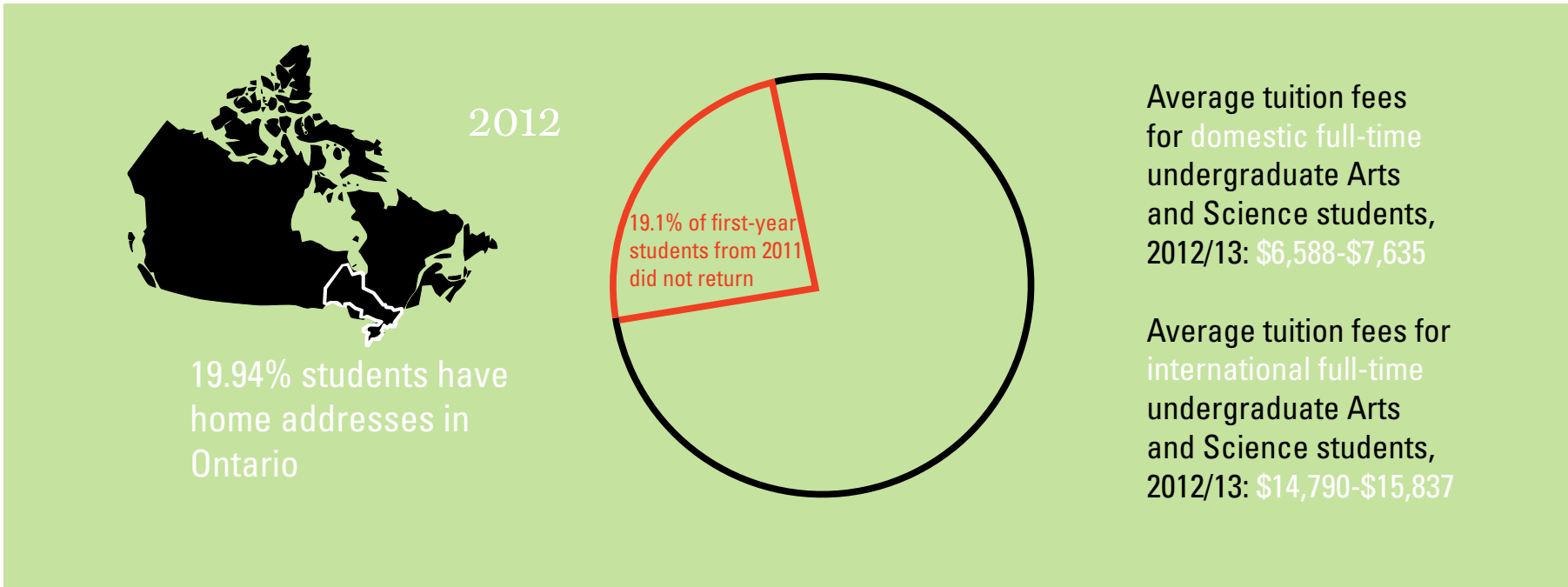
1956
year that two compulsory years of Latin are no longer prerequisite for graduation

1971
year the Killam Library opens

What was previously in the place of the Killam Library's Subway: a fountain and pond

2011
year a Subway restaurant opens in the Killam Library despite objections from university librarians

Number of gender-neutral bathrooms on campus: Approximately 34. The DSU Equity and Accessibility Office has created a map of these locations, found online at bit.ly/1tExPE2



Percentage of eligible voters who participated in the last Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) election: 10.9

Yearly honorarium paid to DSU President: Approximately \$33,000-\$36,000

Salary of university president Richard Florizone, 2013-14: \$325,652

Percentage of Dalhousie's operating revenue coming from tuition revenue in 2010-11: 31.5

Percentage of Dalhousie's operating revenue coming from tuition revenue in 2013-14: 37.2



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Can't get into the GraWood yet? That's ok. / Photo by Deborah Oomen

Common residence mistakes to avoid

We experienced them so you don't have to

Eleanor Davidson
News Editor

Welcome to residence. This is it: the start of one of the weirdest, most fun and most hygienically questionable years of your life. We here at the Gazette have put together a list of things to help you avoid some inevitable freshmen mistakes.

- Don't waste too much energy trying to remember every single person's name during Frosh. You will never see some of these people again.

- If you've had too much to drink, do everything humanly possible to make sure you drink a huge glass of water before bed. Tomorrow you will thank yourself.

- On that note, a late-night donair or slice of pizza is never a bad idea. (King of Donair is open until 3:30 a.m., Extreme Pizza until 4 a.m. on weekends.)

- Spend the extra 30 cents and get the good ramen noodles. So. Much. Better.

- If you miraculously decide to work, leave your room. Nothing

will get done in there.

- Don't try and sneak into bars underage. You will get rejected

- Shower. Wash your sheets sometimes. So boring, but a nice gesture towards those that have to spend time near you.

- Wear shower flip flops if you don't want scary foot diseases.

- The waterfront is about a 15-minute walk away. Get out and explore outside of the res/caf/class bubble sometimes.

- Febreze is the ultimate tool to

make your dorm room somewhat presentable.

- Try and get to know all your neighbors.

- Don't spend too much time getting to know your neighbors

- Bring wet wipes. They will always come in handy.

- No matter how weird they are, do your best to get along with your roommate.

- Earplugs can block the sound of (just about) anything.

- Splurge on some Command Strips before you move in. So useful for everything.

- Black Fly coolers are a drink unknown to many before arriving in the Maritimes. Treat them with caution.

- Microwave cooking is an art form. Yes, you can cook pasta in there if you try.

These are but a sampling of knowledge gained from some truly wacky experiences.

The rest is up to you – best of luck! 🍀

Your high school relationship is over

Struggle all you want. Resistance is futile.

John Hillman
Opinions Editor

On behalf of the Gazette staff, I'd like to extend our deepest condolences regarding the end of your high school relationship. I'm sorry things didn't work out. 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. Tomorrow is another day. All dogs go to heaven. You get the picture.

Sadly, I know some of you are assuming that I must be talking to the OTHER freshmen, because you and your partner have committed to a long-distance relationship. If only life were so simple.

According to a 2006 Harris Interactive survey, only fourteen per cent of interviewed couples in active relationships reported meeting each other through "school." This already discouraging percentage also includes the large number of couples who met in university, as well as those who

met in high school and settled down immediately after graduation. Given these stats, it's safe to say that by the time 2018 rolls around, you'll have a better chance of scoring on the ice with Team Canada at the Olympics than in the sack with your high school sweetheart.

"only fourteen per cent of interviewed couples in active relationships reported meeting each other through 'school.'"

Deny it all you want. Continue to skip all the parties, board game nights and bad movie marathons

to which your new friends keep inviting you—heaven forbid you miss one of the increasingly awkward nightly Skype conversations with your long-distance lover. After all, nothing screams "satisfying relationship" quite like incessantly pining over how awesome things used to be and half-heartedly discussing how great they will be when you finally reunite in 2019. (That's assuming you are able to find jobs in the same city after graduation.)

Do yourself a favour and Google "Turkey Drop". Skim through a few articles. Take a moment to consider the fact that your relationship will be a statistical outlier if you make it past Thanksgiving.

Is squeezing an extra month and a half out of a relationship that died back in June really worth throwing a wet blanket over Orientation Week, Dal-fest, and the whole whirlwind first quarter of what may end up being the most exciting, transformative year of your life?



Photo by Jasspreet Sahib

Not to influence your decision or anything, but I've heard that 2,500 new singles just arrived on campus.

No time to mope—go get 'em, tiger. 🐅

Just do your thing

And if that includes having sex, here's how to be smart about it

Joelline Girouard
Dal alum, former Dal
Gazette sex columnist



Photo by Amin Helal

The mantra that should have been imparted to me on my first day of university — and on every first day of anything, ever — is "you do you." It's simple, yet incredibly effective when infused with

confidence, sass and a little Macklemore/Beyoncé/insert fly music here.

That being said, if you don't want to have sex, don't. If you want to focus on your studies and not let dating distract you, then go right ahead and do that. If you want to have sex with different people (or just one), do that, too but be smart about it.

Sex or no sex, the first rule should always be to put yourself first, and let other people worry about themselves. That is, unless you're touching/having sex with them. Then, you'll need to worry about them too — but only after taking care of yourself.

That may sound cold, harsh and insensitive, but hear me out. While you're busy making sure that you're cool with whatever's

about to go down, your partner should be busy doing the same thing. As soon as either party realizes they're not ok with anything that's going on, it's their job to speak up.

While some people will be perceptive enough to pick up on your doubts, that won't be true for everyone. And while some people will always ask before escalating, some just wait to be told to stop — so clarifying your consent is going to have to be on you. Keep in mind, as well, that consent isn't constant. It's possible to think you want to do something, only to realize you don't as it's getting underway. It's never too late to say no.

Once you've decided you do want to have sex, be safe about it — it's much more enjoyable that way.

First, we need to dispel the myth that size doesn't matter, because it does ... when it comes to condoms. A properly fitted condom is very important, no matter how or who you're having sex with. A condom that's too loose has a greater risk of slipping; too tight, and a condom has a higher chance of tearing.

During recent trips to the drug store, I noticed not only standard, large and extra-large sized condoms, but a new slim-fit option from Lifestyles. If regular-fit condoms don't provide you the safety and comfort they're intended to, resist the temptation to use the one provided in your freshman pack or at your residence's front desk. That trip to the drugstore can save you much more trouble

down the line. (And if you still can't find what you need there, your best bet is probably Venus Envy on Barrington Street.)

If you've had sex in the past, protected or not, it's a good idea to get tested for sexually transmitted infections. Healthcare professionals aren't always the most tactful about it, so yeah, it gets a little uncomfortable — but it's worth the peace of mind.

Lastly, sexual assault: we don't like talking about it, but it happens. So, two things: one, don't do it; two, if it happens to you, please don't go through it alone. Speak to someone you trust, and strongly consider reporting it. 🐅

The Cheapskate's Guide to Halifax

John Hillman
Opinions Editor

It's never too early face up to your future and start living like the impoverished wretch you will undoubtedly be four years from now. The following are a few helpful tips from a perpetual penny pinching pauper.

Class reading lists

If you're using the campus bookstore for anything besides buying overpriced Dal gear, you need rethink your game plan. Between former students, Kijiji, our extensive library holdings, and Dalhousie's liberal fair dealing guidelines (you can copy up to 10% or one chapter of a book—useful when the prof only plans to cover one section), you should have all of the resources you need to complete your course readings at a fraction of the bookstore sticker price.

Getting around town

Whether you use it or not, you are currently paying \$147 for the U-Pass, a nifty little sticker on your DalCard that grants you unlimited access to Halifax's public transit system. This is \$477 cheaper than buying a bus pass every month, but you still need to use it seven times per month to break even on the deal. If you find yourself desperate to justify the cost, and have very little capacity to feel shame, note that the #10 bus will take you on a 300-meter journey from the SUB to the Dalplex.

Grocery Shopping

The general consensus amongst campus tightwads is that you should do your grocery shopping



on Student Discount Tuesdays at Superstore. The 10% discount does add up over time.

There is an even stingier way to shop for groceries, though. In almost the same amount of time as it takes to walk to the Superstore, you can hop a bus across the harbour to the No Frills next to the Dartmouth Bridge Terminal.

No Frills charge less than the Superstore and Sobeys for nearly every product—you will not find cheaper grocery prices in the city without purchasing a Costco membership. If you can keep the trip quick, avoid eye contact with the locals, and take a shower afterwards to wash the Dartmouth off of you,

the rewards will be more than worth the psychological trauma inflicted during your brief visit to the Dark Side.

Eating Out

Did you know that the U-Pass doubles as a time machine? Use it to catch a #1 heading to Mumford. Keep riding till you hit the corner of Oxford and Bayers Road. Get off before the turn and head into the Westcliffe Diner. One look at the prices on the menu should be enough to confirm that you have indeed travelled back to 1974. Take a bite of the thick, juicy burger that owner/operators Bev and Tyler shaped and grilled in right front of you. As the cascading mountain of real bacon atop the burger sets your tastebuds on

fire for a cost significantly less than a reheated frozen patty at McDonalds, pause for just a moment to remember who sent you there.

You're welcome.

If pizza is more your thing, Pizza Delight on Spring Garden Road has an all you can eat lunch buffet for \$9.99. While this is a little pricier than the Westcliffe, a true master miser can use a little strategic pre-meal fasting to turn that \$9.99 investment into over \$70 worth of gorging (based on the menu valuation of items consumed.) Play your cards right and, like the mighty anaconda, you can subsist for many moons on a single grotesque feeding frenzy.

Opting Out

Several societies—typically the ones that collect direct levies from every student but deal with politically charged subject matter—are constitutionally mandated to hold opt out periods each semester. Together, NSPIRG, the Loaded Ladle, and South House collect a total of \$14 per year. Take the time to read their websites carefully. Some of you may be happy to support their attempts to promote more radical perspectives on campus and in the city. For others, opting out and turning that \$14 into a stimulus package for the Halifax burger industry might prove a more meaningful investment of your limited resources.

Whatever your decision on the societies, the real opt-out bonanza is the health plan. Carefully review whether the DSU Health Plan is actually offering you anything beyond the coverage that you might still be receiving under your parents' plans. Many students are already covered, and if you can provide proof of coverage, the union will allow you to opt out.

The payout? \$253. That translates into around 63 bacon cheeseburgers at the Westcliffe, or \$1700 worth of buffet pizza if you can master the anaconda strategy.

Conclusion

Practice the above tips over the next four years, and by the time your crippling student loan debt activates, you'll be well prepared to put the "fun" back into fundamentally screwed. ☹



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10 free ways to feel alive in Halifax

Jesse Ward
Editor-in-Chief

The financial realities of student life can be distressing, so you'll want to make use of free resources whenever possible. Living in Halifax, you can cut your entertainment budget to nothing and still have fun. There are many ways you can be entertained, learn and explore the city for free. At least ten.

1. Eat

From Tuesday to Thursday, free vegetarian food is served at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building by the Loaded Ladle, a levied society and food co-op.

2. Watch

Video Difference on Quinpool Road offers a selection of thousands of movies arranged by real people – not Netflix algorithms. Rentals of certain films by local directors are always free. You can also rent certain films from the Killam Library and the DVD collections of the Halifax Public Library system.

3. Read

The Killam has over one million books, most of which you can borrow. A walk through the stacks can lead you to authors and ideas you may love that sit far outside your assigned readings.

4. Listen

If you've already got enough to read, check out the music collections on the Killam's first floor. With record players and headphones provided, there are hundreds of classical and jazz LPs for your listening enjoyment.

5. Canoe

Until the end of September, the Saint Mary's Boat Club offers free one-hour canoe rentals from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The club is located at the end of Jubilee Road – only a 10-minute walk from Studley Campus. Paddling across the Northwest Arm is a more intimate ocean experience than riding the ferry to Dartmouth.

6. Download Microsoft Office

It's no canoe trip, but having a Dalhousie NetID entitles you to a free copy of Microsoft Office Professional Plus. Check it out at software.library.dal.ca.

7. Bike

Near the back of the Studley Gymnasium, just past the end of University Avenue, you'll find the Dal Bike Centre. They offer short-term bike loans, a great idea for touring Halifax from the ground.



The Loaded Ladle serves free local food every week. / Photo by Jasspreet Sahib

8. Observe

The Dalhousie Art Gallery is a public gallery in the Arts Centre with no admission fee. Check out their permanent collection or one of the exhibits that appears throughout the year. After hours spent staring at an essay on a brightscreen, you should treat your eyes to art.

9. Sauna

If you're a full-time student not interested in sports or strenuous exercise, you can still make the best out of your requisite Dalplex membership by acting like it's a Holiday Inn. Our largest athletic facility offers the only Olympic-sized pool in town, and hot rock saunas in the changing rooms.

10. Fundraise

It costs nothing to apply for bursaries and scholarships. They're offered throughout your entire undergraduate career, and many scholarships sit unclaimed. Every dollar you save on your education is a burden removed, so do the research and apply where you qualify.

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Abandon hope, all ye who study here

The dark secrets of Dal's most popular study spaces

John Hillman
Opinions Editor

Studying in residence is like trying to perform open-heart surgery on a rollercoaster — you'll never be able to achieve the focus you need to succeed, and your inevitable failure is going to be messy. While you're going to want to track down a superior venue within walking distance, here are some spots to avoid.

The Killam Library

Trying to study at the Killam is the strategic equivalent of heading to the "safe zone" at the start of the zombie apocalypse. This is the only library 90 per cent of students in residence know exists. No one can predict the moment when the majority of your fellow freshmen will suddenly realize they have to complete at least some of their assignments to pass, but rest assured you will arrive one evening in late November to find all the desks claimed, despondent latecomers camped out on the floor between aisles, and the atmosphere

reeking of smuggled Subway and sweaty desperation.

The Sir James Dunn Law Library

Pros: The library is immaculately clean, exceedingly quiet and refreshingly well lit.

Cons: The regulars are all Machiavellian sociopaths who will stop at nothing to guard their territory.

Law students may tolerate you at first, but when space and resources become scarce around exam time at least one of them will suffer a breakdown and forget everything

she's ever learned about legal ethics. Don't be surprised if someone dumps a bottle of maple syrup over your head before running off to the librarians to accuse you of hosting a pancake orgy in clear violation of s.4.1 of the Dalhousie Libraries Food Policy.

The University of King's College Library

By all accounts this is a beautiful, peaceful study space, but if you have a history of asthma or any other respiratory conditions, you may find the thick cloud of smug in the air a

little overpowering.

The Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University

SMU students are such under-achievers that their own administration has actually given up trying to schedule classes on Fridays. Do you really want to share a library with them?

Actually, upon further consideration, please disregard this entry. As a library catering to SMU students, this may be the quietest, emptiest building in the city. **g**

The greatest secret study space on campus

Your treasure map for peace and quiet

Jesse Ward
Editor-in-Chief

Are you looking for the best study space that exists? You can search for unused study carrels in the Life Sciences Centre, sneak off to the King's library or find a quiet coffee shop off-campus.

And any student can book a group study room at the Killam or Kellogg libraries, or find a quiet space at Sexton. There are workstations at the Goldberg Computer Science Building, too.

But it would be impossible for us to simply share the true best place to study right here, because being publicized would mean it's no longer a well-kept secret.

That's why a clue to the true best study space hides in the word search to the right, only for those with adventure in their blood.

Circle all the clues found below. After you've found them all, spell out the message left by the letters remaining uncircled and you'll be on your way to a scholar's paradise. ☞

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Catching up with council

A look at your Student Union

Sabina Wex

Assistant News Editor

Last year, Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President Sagar Jha dropped his one and only class. This was problematic because the DSU constitution states the president must be a Dal student. Though last year's DSU ombudsperson and current president, Ramz Aziz, attempted to fill in for Jha, the DSU councillors rejected his proposal.

Jha's non-student status caused an uproar amongst students and councillors, but the council meetings were focused on other issues at the time, namely the DSU's membership within two advocacy groups: Students Nova Scotia (SNS) and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

Full-time Dal students pay \$70 and part-time students \$37.60 to the DSU, and in turn, become DSU members. These student fees generated \$1,973,900 in 2012. Of this, \$134,000 went to SNS and CASA.

For comparison, allocation fees toward on-campus services, such as CKDU, Dal OUT and the Gazette, used up \$991,601. Yet last year's member-at-large and current VP (academic and external), Jacqueline Skiptunis, said most students are unaware of SNS and CASA.

Both advocacy groups presented their achievements and objectives to the DSU before a membership vote. SNS explained how they created a debt cap for students and introduced provincial graduate scholarships. CASA emphasized that the federal gov-

ernment's standing committee of finance invited only them and one other student group to present on student financial issues.

"I think that we gave the opportunity to students to really speak through their councillors"

Council voted on March 12 to rejoin CASA and SNS, about a month after it voted to leave them.

"I think that we gave the opportunity to students to really speak through their councillors,"

Elizabeth Croteau, last year's Sexton campus director, said after the meeting

"I'm really excited we had close to every single member of council vote at this meeting and I'm glad that the margin is very clear and that there's a definitive mandate going forward."

But last year's VP (academic and internal) and current member-at-large, Aaron Beale, didn't agree with Croteau.

"I am disappointed council chose to rush this again," he said since the vote. "I have big concerns about investing students' money in a large organization moving towards its own demise."

But a council meeting on April 9 overturned everything. Council decided to leave CASA again, and President Jha resigned. ☹

The DSU meets on the first and last Wednesday of every month from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to attend. The meetings tend to stay within this time frame and include a short recess where there may be free pizza and doughnuts. You may experience the excitement from home by tuning in to the Gazette's live Twitter coverage.

With files from Kristie Smith and Sima Sahar Zerehi

DSU Council Summer Meetings

Plentiful, if procedurally problem prone?

William Coney

News Contributor

The DSU Council has had an ambitious, if troubled summer so far.

The summer started with a meeting on May 7. It was initially intended to be a normal introductory council meeting, but ended up being rather contentious with the nomination of a Chair who was not a member of the Union.

Following this, the June 18 meeting would find a suspension of the normal rules of Notification of Motion to allow for a revised SUB renovations plan.

These renovations were detailed to be much like the previously discussed renovation plans, but altered to fit within a budget

where a levy increase would not be required.

Throughout all these meetings, there was laid the beginnings of a general policy review process. The first of this process was presented at the August 6 meeting, although much of this is not to be finalized until the beginning of the school year.

The June 18th meeting also found itself involved. The appointment of the Advocacy Planning Committee (which was expected to occur at this meeting) was challenged due to the fact that the mandate for such a committee was out of order due to its references to a continuing involvement with CASA by Vice President Academic and External, Jacqueline Skiptunis.

As such, a revised mandate was distributed by council at

the August 6 meeting, although more changes have also been brought up for the August 20 meeting.

Finally, to top off the procedural issues, the Chair resigned on July 16, leaving the entire nominations process to be done again.

Compounding the absence of a chair, the Secretary to council needed to be replaced mid-summer. This has left the council and its communications to both councillors and the public in a state of flux.

The council's activities this summer have been many in nature and potentially big, but what it shows for things to come is up to you.

This story was written prior to the DSU Council's August 20, 2014 meeting. ☹



Ramz Aziz, DSU President. / Photo by Amin Helal



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Meet the administration

A brief guide to Dal's
decision-makers

Eleanor Davidson
News Editor

University President:

Unanimously selected by a presidential search committee in November 2012, Richard Florizone has been president of Dal since July 2013. The president serves as a liaison between Dal and the outside community, representing the university domestically and abroad while also having a final say in many of the school's day-to-day operations.



Richard Florizone. / Photo by Calum Agnew

Chancellor:

The role of chancellor is largely ceremonial, and presiding over the convocation ceremony is Fred Fountain's most visible task. The Fountain family donated \$10 million in 2013 to help create the Fountain School of Performing Arts, a merger of Dal's former music and theatre departments.

Board of Governors:

The 30 members of the Board are responsible for maintaining current operations at Dal, as well as planning for the future. Members of the board include faculty, students, alumni and appointed representatives, among others. The president and senior administration of Dal run many of the everyday tasks for which the Board is responsible.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President:

Ramz Aziz. Elected by the student body for the 2014-2015 school year, the DSU president sits on the Board of Governors and the University Senate, and helps run the operations of the union itself. This role is often more visible to students than the others mentioned here. ☺

The science behind societies

An overview of Type I
societies

Meagan Weideman
Arts Contributor

Societies are a great way to find people with common interests and goals. For those who are unsure about what they want to do or have a broad range of interests, there are Type I societies.

Dalhousie has two types of societies. Type I societies receive student fees or levies directly from students, and include all academic faculty societies, like the Dal Science Society, and residence hall societies. Type II societies, or constituent societies, receive their levy or fee from their Type I umbrella society.

Every Type II society meeting produces a report on its constituent societies' happenings and future plans. For this reason, umbrella societies are a great way to get to know what's going on all over campus.

Umbrella societies also organize inter-society events. For example, the Life Sciences Committee brought 13 different societies together for the interdisciplinary Smart is Sexy trivia event last year.

Umbrella societies function to regulate an interacting body of constituent societies while also advocating for them within student politics. Representatives of constituent societies vote on student issues, which are relayed into votes at the Dal Student Union. This makes for a great way to engage with student-directed governance at university and can serve as an introduction to student politics.

Not only do these Type I societies function as a way to bring all of their constituents together, they function individually as societies themselves. By completing fundraisers, promoting campus events and lobbying for better services at Dal, they offer many ways to participate in student life and activities. ☺

Still can't find a society suited to your interests? Start your own. You can find out more about how to start your own society at <http://dsu.ca/startasociety>.



A breakdown of some of Dal's societies

For your browsing pleasure



Sindi Skenderi
Arts Contributor

It's the start of a new school year. Students are bustling to sign up for classes, make academic advising appointments, get DalCards, buy groceries and – hopefully – sign up for one of the various societies offered at Dalhousie.

If you do choose to get involved in extracurricular activities, here are some things you

should know as you explore the different options.

CKDU-FM is a campus radio station that reaches people throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality. CKDU is great for anyone who wants to volunteer in communications by doing public broadcasts and radio shows. CKDU-FM presents many voices and artists not normally heard through public or private broadcast stations.

The Dal Bike Society is an ingenious way to get a good workout around campus. The society's bikes are free to borrow, and there is a community repair space that provides riders tools to fix their own. Volunteers also help out at the repair space for anyone needing assistance.

The Dalhousie International Student Association (DISA)

gives international students opportunities to meet each other through events and trips held throughout the year. The society also tries to promote cultural diversity at Dal by addressing concerns of, and representing, international students.

The Dalhousie Urban Gardening Society is great if you want to develop a green thumb on campus. Members educate students about urban gardening and all the tricks of the trade that come with it. They even provide a gardening space, located behind the Goldberg Computer Science Building.

The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research


Group (NSPIRG)

aims to inform students about social and environmental issues in Nova Scotia. The non-profit organization funds research, which any member can propose, as well as working groups to address issues they identify. One of the current working groups, for example, is *No One is Illegal - Halifax*.

The Loaded Ladle

raises awareness about ethical issues surrounding global food distribution and the market-based food sites on campus. They promote alternatives to some of the foods students are used to. They give free servings of their own dishes every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

The South House aims to combat oppression and advocate feminist issues. They support people dealing with sexuality or gender based oppression and answers inquiries that students and staff might have. They also research advocacy for gender issues within a feminist framework and strive to provide a safe space for people to organize.

The Dalhousie Gazette is North America's oldest campus newspaper. They cover stories happening at Dal and around Halifax and try to keep students informed about what's going on in the community. They also provide a medium to hear your fellow students' opinions and contribute your own. Contributor meetings are held in the Gazette office in the SUB every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. 

STREETEER

What's something everyone should know about Halifax?

by Amin Helal and Jesse Ward



"Go down to the waterfront as much as you can in September while it's still beautiful."

Kelsey Mooney
Upper-year student



"Bramoso Pizza at the Farmer's Market. They have spinach and eggs on their breakfast pizza."

Joe Richard
3rd-year mechanical engineering



"Willy's."
Andrew Rust
SuperNOVA instructor



"Go to the Seahorse every week."

Larissa Roque
2nd-year architecture



"It's a multicultural city. There's a lot of markets with Halal food."

Jawad Al Marzouk
Engineering and English



"There's something to do downtown every week."
Stephan Gillard and Kaylan Palsat
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Crowdsurfing at the Quad

A breakdown of DalFest

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Imagine a weekend where the Dalhousie campus quad is transformed from bare grass and weathered architecture into a festival romping grounds. A beer tent is set up near the Chemistry Building. A large main stage swaths the Killam with halos of light. Students of all disciplines sway to a common rhythm. From September 12 to 13, this dreamscape takes shape as Dal Fest.

A staple of the O-Week experience, DalFest has all the fixings of a real music festival. Over two nights, local and internationally renowned artists will perform on the Dalhousie quad, free of charge.

Friday night's soundtrack will feature Shad's innovative take on hip-hop. The Canadian rapper is a DalFest veteran and has been shortlisted for the 2014 Polaris Prize for his latest record, *Flying Colours*.

A change of pace occurs Saturday night, from rap to indie-pop. First to the stage are up-and-comers Alvveys (pronounced *always*), whose self-titled debut album glitters like an indie emerald. The band's vocalist Molly Rankin has some pretty deep roots here, as she's the daughter of the acclaimed East Coast family troupe *The Rankin Family* and is a Dalhousie alumni.

Following Alvveys will be East Coast favourite, Hey Rosetta. The Fredericton, NB-based seven-piece are set to release their latest record in early September, so expect a sampling of fresh tracks alongside old favourites.

Friday afternoon, swing by the SUB to wander the Society Carnival, where Dalhousie's many, many societies will be set up with information and carnival games. The Society Carnival, which was a big hit last year, is a great means to get involved with



DalFest 2013. / Photos by Amin Helal and Bryn Karcha

the Dalhousie community and explore interests new and old. Stop by *The Gazette's* table and say hello!

After Shad's performance on Friday night, there will be a small after-party at the Grawood (also located in the SUB) for all students 19 and over.

A football game is set to run alongside Alvveys and Hey Rosetta on Saturday night, so wander down to Wickwire field to see the Tigers bash skulls against UNB Fredericton.

While at the time of this writing, only Shad, Alvveys and Hey Rosetta have been confirmed as festival headliners, DalFest organizer and DSU student life representative Danny Shanahan is

aiming to add another three local acts to the bill.

"You see all sorts of folk come together and celebrate being back at school," says Shanahan. "That's what we want this to be about. This is for the Dalhousie community." ☺

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Fashion on the Atlantic

Design your own east coast lifestyle



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Zoe Doucette
Staff Contributor

While Halifax can sometimes feel like a barren style wasteland years behind major centres, there is far more going on in east coast fashion than those ubiquitous "East Coast Lifestyle" t-shirts. Admittedly we love our plaid lumberjack shirts, and *Trailer Park Boys* is a dom-

inant sartorial inspiration, but HRM actually has a great selection of local designers, visionary boutiques and well-curated vintage shops.

For thrifting maniacs, Queen Street's **Vintage Row** is a fantasy come to life. This collection of vintage and consignment shops sandwiched together makes an afternoon of browsing locally made jewelry and choice second-hand pieces bonkers easy.

Put Me On (1526 Queen St.) has local soap and all kinds of crafts alongside some seriously badass boots and any garment you can dream of.

Elsie's (1530 Queen St.) is a Halifax classic, and you must rifle through the two dollar bin for some heavily discounted treasures.

"HRM actually has a great selection of local designers, visionary boutiques and well-curated vintage shops."

When it's true vintage you're seeking, there is only one place to turn to: **Dressed in Time** (5670 Spring Garden Rd.) While there are some contemporary items floating around the shop, the knowledgeable staff and selection of items (sometimes dating back as far as a century!) can't be topped.

For lovers of the strange and peculiar, the den of madness and oddities that is merchant's co-op **Plan B** (2180 Gottingen St.) is best. Among the taxidermy and retro video games, you'll find a variety of original designs and secondhand garments.

For new clothes beyond the familiar mall chains, former Plan B vendor, Japanese fashion-inspired **Toxic Blossom** has grown into their own space in Historic Properties (1869 Upper Water St.), where everything is cupcake adorable and overwhelmingly cute.

Argyle Street's **Biscuit General Store** (1661 Argyle St.) is a staple, providing a quirky, retro atmosphere and covetable brands like Free People and Against Nudity. This is only the beginning of your Haligonian style journey, my friends. Happy browsing! ☺

Get your fill

Of art and culture

Emma Skagen
Staff Contributor

As you adjust to your new digs here in Halifax, and as you feel your mind expanding with your introduction to post-secondary education, you might find yourself craving a little something extra to stimulate your creative side.

Halifax, despite its small size and quaint reputation, has a pretty lively arts and culture scene. It can take a person in the city a while to really know the good spots, but lucky for you, I'm writing this so that you'll be in the know right off the bat.

If live music is what you're looking for, you're in the right place. Halifax is blessed with a number of awesome local bands (my personal favourites are Cousins and Monomyth), and some pretty great venues like The Marquee Ballroom and

Gus's Pub.

The Halifax Pop Explosion (October 21-25) brings 200 bands to 20 venues around the city. I know it's during midterm season, but trust me, you won't want to miss this!

If you're a film buff, the Atlantic Film Festival — one of Canada's premier film festivals — takes place September 11-18. For theatre, check out Neptune Theatre and the Bus Stop Theatre.

For visual art, check out spots like the Annie Leonowens Gallery, Argyle Fine Arts, and Plan B Merchant's Co-op — just to name a few. Nocturne: Art at Night (October 18) is an incredible event that will show you just how amazing and involved the Halifax community can be.

This article would be utterly incomplete without a word or two about the Khyber Centre for the Arts. Formerly a huge, beautiful artist-run space right downtown, the Khyber has relo-



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cated to a (much) smaller space in the North End. Keep your eyes out for news about whether their old space will be sold (gulp!). Many fingers are crossed that the

Khyber will regain their original space.

This barely scrapes the surface of the great things to see and do in this city. But hey, you could

also just lock yourself in your dorm room with Netflix for your entire first year like I did.





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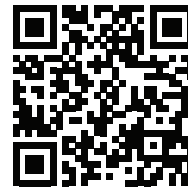


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A guide to sports at Dal

How to properly flaunt the black and gold

Graeme Benjamin
Sports Editor

I know what you're thinking – being responsible for introducing over 2,500 new Dalhousie students to the ins and outs of athletics at a university that is not renowned for their sports teams must be a grueling task.

With the Wickwire stands that will leave your butt still feeling numb a half hour after the game's end and the absence of a varsity football team and an on-campus arena, it can be concluded that participation in varsity action at Dal is at an all-time low compared to its counterparts.

Well, I'm here to exploit that misconception.

Even though Dal is not among the powerhouse sports schools like, say, Florida State, we've still got a pretty good thing going for ourselves here. Last year's women's soccer team's dominance during the regular season combined with the anticipated reoccurring dominance of the cross-country, track & field and volleyball teams leaves this year swirling with potential. And let's not forget about the solid core of young, gritty women's hockey players that have the potential to make a stir in the playoff picture, or the always-entertaining men's soccer and basketball games.

But before we get into all of that, we should go over the basics. For the select few of you who do care, club and varsity action at Dal can leave you rejuvenated, outraged, and everything in between.

Our top guns

Dalhousie is pleased to represent seven different sports at the varsity level. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, hockey, track & field, cross-country and swimming

are what we're known for. We'll get into how we do at each event later.

Going clubbing

Dal's sports clubs are broken down into Tier 1 and Tier 2 divisions. Our Tier 1 sports clubs include football, lacrosse, rugby, ringette, field hockey, baseball and rowing. We tend to do pretty darn well in these leagues and the competitive level is surprisingly high. You may have to go more out of your way, however, to access the Tier 2 sports clubs as the events are not as frequent and scattered across

the Atlantic provinces. These events range from ultimate frisbee and squash to sailing and taekwondo. Tier 2 clubs are always looking for new members, so you can head on over to the Dalhousie website for more details.

The leagues

All of Dal's varsity teams compete against fellow Atlantic Canadian rivals in the Atlantic University Sport, but we here at The Gazette like to call it the AUS. If we triumph in this division, we move on up to play the big dogs at the national level in Canadian Interuniversity

Sport (CIS), which is every AUS athlete's dream. However, our club teams compete in individual separate leagues. And if you've got even more free time on top of that, you can swing down to the University of King's College and check out the Blue Devils compete against fellow universities and colleges in the Atlantic Colleges Athletics Association (ACAA).

Broke? No problem

Got a DalCard? Of course you do, silly, or else you wouldn't be reading this. Well, it actually does more than getting you into the meal hall. All varsity

and club action is free upon displaying that multi-purposed gem. So save that five-dollar bill for late-night Taco Bell runs and enjoy all the Tigers action you can handle.

There you have it. As mentioned, it's not the most riveting lineup of athletics that you'll find, but it's what we have to offer. If you're still reading this, you're ready to take the plunge into all that is Dal sports. We're glad to have you along for the ride.

Did I mention there are beer tents? Yup. Beer tents are a thing. ☺



Dal Tigers Preview

A look ahead at what's in store for Dal athletics this year

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Men's Soccer

It was an unfortunate way to go out last year, but the Dalhousie men's soccer team did it in style. After defeating the Acadia Axemen in a game lasting nearly three hours, they were unable to regroup and lost to the St Mary's Huskies in a heartbreaking fashion. However, this men's soccer team has more potential than any within recent memory. With AUS first-team all star Bezick Evraire in the prime of his university soccer career, and the leadership presence of Jason Ross between the pipes, the Tigers have a solid chance of making a push in the player picture once again. If this team is able to fix their goal scoring woes and stay out of injury trouble, there is no reason why Dal shouldn't be a contender this year. – GB

Women's Soccer

Look for the women's soccer team to pick up right where they left off last season. The ladies dominated in the regular season, falling just short of the Cape Breton Capers of entering the playoffs as the best team in the AUS. However, as we all know, your regular season record means nothing during playoff time. A devastating upset at the hands of the Acadia Axewomen in the semifinals eliminated their chances of walking away with their third consecutive AUS banner. Consistency is the name of the game this year for the Tigers. This year we will see much of the same from Jack Hutchison, a two-time AUS Coach of the Year. His no-nonsense coaching approach and focus on constantly developing young players has worked before and if all goes according to plan, will continue to be effective this season. – GB

Men's Basketball

The Dalhousie men's basketball team is entering its second year with coach Rick Plato and will be



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looking to wipe last year's second-last place 6-14 season from their memory. With 13 players eligible to return, the squad will be a young and eager group ready to forge a new identity in Dal basketball. Despite finishing out of the postseason, last year's record looks much worse on paper as the black and gold lost a significant amount of heartbreaking games early in the season which they never were able to recover from as the year progressed. It's a new year and a clean slate for the Tigers, but a good start is going to be crucial for the youthful club if they're going to compete in an already tough conference that got better this offseason. This team could be a dark horse in the AUS if they can buy into Coach Plato's system, but that remains to be seen. – SC

Women's Basketball

Women's basketball at Dalhousie is on the upswing. After squeaking into the playoffs last season with a 10-10 record, the Tigers knocked off the Memorial Seahawks in the first round before losing to powerhouse Saint Mary's – the eventual AUS champion. The Tigers are ready to roar in 2014-15 with all 13 players returning – a nice mix of youth and veteran leadership, led namely by Rebecca Nuttall, Courtney Thompson, Robbi Daley and AUS first-team All-Star Tessa Stammberger. For the first time in years there doesn't appear to be a clear-cut favourite in the conference, which leaves the door wide open

for the lady Tigers to create a winning tradition at Atlantic Canada's largest university. Anna Stammberger – one of the top coaches in the league – is ready to do just that with this prosperous bunch. You don't want to miss a minute of Dal women's basketball action this season. – SC

Men's Volleyball

If you've been paying any attention to men's volleyball at Dalhousie, you know this team is a perennial powerhouse. Winners of an astonishing 32 out of the last 35 AUS championships, the Tigers hit a rough patch in recent years, losing to the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds in the final in 2010-11 and 2013-14. But the black and gold recaptured that familiar title last season thanks to a first-place regular season finish a 2-0 victory over the V-Reds in the final. The club will have a very similar look in 2014-15, which means Dal fans can expect more big things to come from this group. With a winning culture set in place, the sky's the limit for this team. Raising championship banners in the Dalplex has become the norm for the men's volleyball team, and with the pieces already in place for the upcoming season, there doesn't appear to be any reason why they won't be able to bring a championship back to Halifax this February. – SC

Women's Volleyball

On the heels of a storybook season, the women's volleyball

Tigers do not appear to be slowing down. The Tigers became back-to-back champions after defeating their cross-town rival Saint Mary's Huskies in the AUS final last season and went all the way to the CIS semifinal – the first time a team from Atlantic Canada made it to the semis since 1984 – before bowing out to a strong Manitoba team. The team will lose graduating players Raeesa Lalani and Katherine Ryan, but is bringing back a veteran-laden team that has tasted success and knows what it takes to win. A threepeat this season would establish Dalhousie as a dynasty in a very tough conference – no small task, but one that head coach Rick Scott is more than capable of achieving with this talented bunch. If this club can parlay the success and good vibes of last season into more W's this year, watch out. – SC

Men's Hockey

Oh, men's hockey. The squad has already been ineffective at putting last year's 3-24-1 record behind them as they were recently issued a \$7,000 fine by the CIS for infractions related to unauthorized athletic financial awards for its players. However, as always, we still intend to roar on for the Dalhousie men's hockey team this season. With tryouts nearly underway, the team is hoping to jump out to a quick start this year unlike in years previous. That will be quite the task, however, as the Tigers start their season against the reigning AUS winning Acadian Axemen in exhibition play on Sept. 17, then open the season against them at home on Oct. 11. Once again, we have the strictest of casual optimism for this team moving forward into the season. – SR

Women's Hockey

The Dalhousie women's hockey team had the rebuilding season of all rebuilding seasons last year as they attempted to put their past behind them and move on with the youngest team in the league. The squad sat in the basement of the AUS, as they only managed to muster five wins, leaving them the only team out of the playoff picture.

With tryouts approaching soon, the team will be shaped up for their first home game on Oct. 19 against St. Thomas at the Halifax Forum. With a whopping 15 players eligible to return, there is nowhere but up for this young team to go. So come out to the forum to show your support! – SR

Swimming

It will be a rebuilding year to say the least for both sides of Dal's swimming teams. With David Sharpe, AUS swimmer of the year and the most decorated swimmer in Tigers history, as well as the majority of key swimmers on the men's and women's side using up the remaining years of their eligibility, the Tigers will need to rely on their youth to push them through this season. It will be a struggle for the Tigers to keep pace with the standard they have set as other teams, namely the Acadia Axewomen who recently signed top Nova Scotia prospect Rebecca MacPherson, continue to make the right steps to achieving success. However, it's clear that Lance Cansdale, who is entering his third year as head coach for both teams, does not plan on ending the Tigers winning tradition anytime soon. In hindsight, it would be unrealistic to expect the same astounding results as we saw last year. There will be a clear lack in leadership presence in the pool, but for the team's sake, they are hoping that the knowledge that Sharpe and other veteran swimmers shared will be enough to push the Tigs' to another consecutive banner. – SR



Staying fit in Halifax

Stephen Campbell provides details of Halifax's fitness facilities

Stephen Campbell
Sports Contributor

Ever hear of the “freshman 15?” Well, spoiler alert – unlike the Tooth Fairy, it’s a real thing. Here are some tips regarding places you can go and things you can do to stay healthy and remain active around Halifax during the school year. Read on, unless you’re down with turning into a couch potato.

Emera Oval

If you’re more into outdoor skating, the Emera Oval is for you. Originally constructed on the Halifax Commons for the 2011 Canada Games, the city has maintained the beautiful ice surface for the general public to use for free during the winter months. Take that special someone and head to the Oval for a nice romantic date, or fill up the car and head over with your pals. If you’re wobbly on skates,

try not to embarrass yourself and fall down and/or run into

And there you have it! Now you’re all set to “get fit and have fun” enjoying everything this great city has to offer. Have fun out there, kids.

Dalplex

Good news! Full-time students at Dal have free access to the ‘Plex during the academic year. There’s a running track, a fully equipped weight room with exercise machines, basketball courts and even a wall for rock climbing. A pair of tennis courts across the street are at your disposal as well. Just don’t forget to bring your student ID, there are sticklers for that.

Wickwire Field


Gather up your friends for a game of Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, toss the pigskin around or even join the Quidditch team. Located in the heart of Dal’s campus,

Wickwire is able to fill most, if not all of your sporting needs.

Dal Athletics

Want to become a Tiger? Of course you do. There’s no shortage of men’s and women’s varsity sports here at Atlantic Canada’s largest university, namely: basketball, volleyball, cross country, hockey, soccer, swimming and track & field. Plenty of other club teams are available if you so desire. Suit up in the black and gold and let everyone hear you roar.

Halifax Forum

The iconic building located in Halifax’s North End is the home of Dal hockey, but it’s available for you as well. Rent out some ice time and dangle your friends in some puck or lace ‘em up for their “Free Skate Fridays” and do some laps around the city’s oldest arena. someone else. I can’t help you there. 



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