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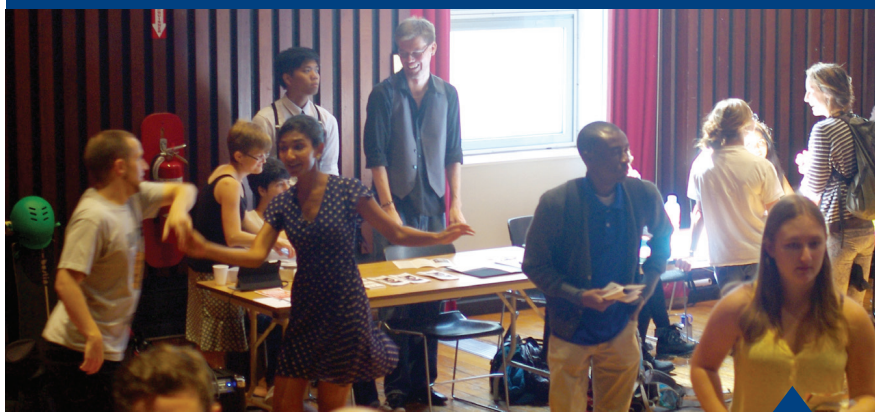
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Students get into the swing of things at Society Carnival. PHOTO: DSU STAFF

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Monday, September 22nd

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Free Screen-printing Workshop (Bring your own t-shirt)
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11:00am – 1:00 pm, SUB

Loaded Ladle Weekly Prep Party 5:00-8:00 pm, SUB
2nd floor

Divestment 101 with DivestDal 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Grad
House

Sustainabeerity 8:30 pm, Grad House

Tuesday, September 23rd

Be the Change: Exploring Sustainability Career Options
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Loaded Ladle Food Serving 1:00 pm, SUB

Film Screening: "Climate Change in Atlantic Canada"
Discussion 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, September 24

Urban Gardening 101 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Dal Garden

Loaded Ladle Food Serving 1:00 pm, SUB

Point Pleasant Hike 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Meet in SUB
Lobby

Divest Dal Weekly Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, NSPIRG

Thursday, September 25th

Solar Unit Build with If You Build It 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, SUB

Loaded Ladle Food Serving 1:00 pm, SUB

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Executive Director of Cycle Toronto 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm,
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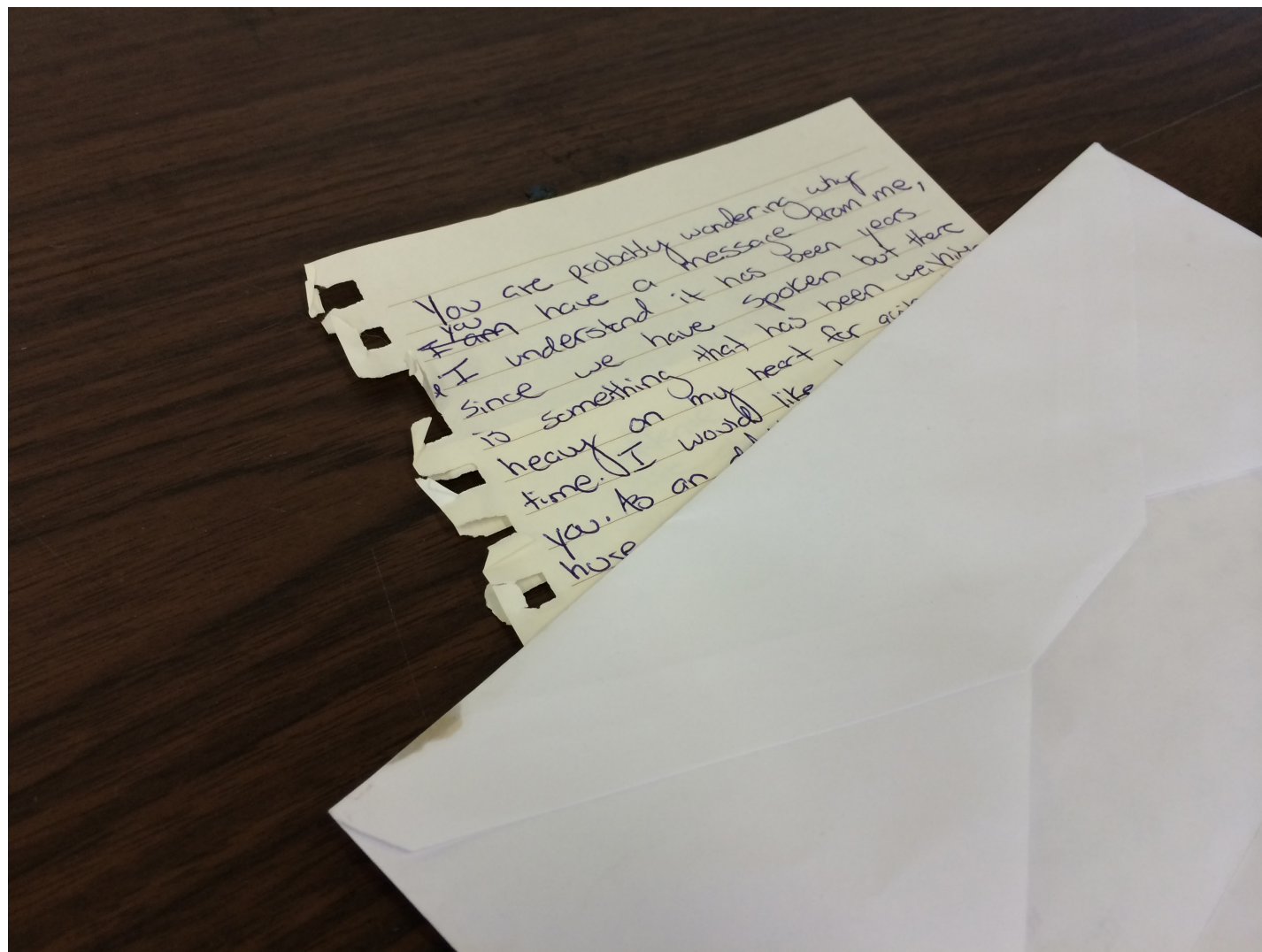
letters to the editor



Another fall, another round of meeting the neighbours

It's another fall, and that means a new group of students living off campus in our neighbourhood, the streets bounding Dalhousie University, where many single family homes still exist, containing ... families. There has been already the usual partying, loud music, public urination (What's with that anyway? Why do students come out of their houses to pee? Presumably the houses contain bathrooms and toilets...). Last night a particularly loud party on South Street was shut down by police; one estimate was 100 people plus a live DJ in an old house that was originally built for...families. By the sounds of the crashing and breaking, it's possible the deck was coming off the back of the house. When I attempted to speak to one of the partiers on the sidewalk around the corner from my home, he said, and I quote "Move on, sweatpants, was I even speaking to you? I'm worth more than you and your f-ing house put together and you're the idiot for living off University Avenue." He wasn't quite as obnoxious to the cop standing right behind me, in a scene worthy of a Woody Allen movie. So, welcome to the neighbourhood! I'm hoping that the university will remind its customers (i.e. students) that we are all entitled to live here, and perhaps a course in manners, basic civility and neighbourliness might be in order?

Peggy Walt, Resident of Edward Street ☎



Be careful where you leave private messages: letter writer

photo by Jesse Ward

A September 2, 2014 lesson on why one does not leave sensitive material lying about in the recycle box of a public xerox machine

Dear Ms./Sir,

I was collecting some copies on September 2, 2014 in the South Commons when my eyes caught a handwritten note staring up at

me: "You are probably wondering why you have a message from me and I understand it has been years since we have spoken but there is something that has been weighing heavy on my mind for quite some time. ..."

It goes on for a page-and-a-half, and never reveals the writ-

er's gender or that person's indiscretion for which s/he is writing a long-overdue apology. I think it is a draft email, and I hope that it is received and processed as it should be.

But I am not sure that the anonymous writer should leave such drafts out in a public place? Tear

it into pieces and recycle it into a blue bin to shield your pain. Good luck.

Regards,

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A University in the Digital World

No email system can be fully secure, and as secure as the Dal email network is, it's not immune to threats

Eleanor Davidson

News Editor

Sabina Wex

Assistant News Editor

Dalhousie University posted an announcement on July 4 about tips for using cloud-based services on the Microsoft 360 system, which hosts all Dal.ca email accounts.

The announcement stressed the cloud system isn't completely safe, and users should avoid emailing or storing sensitive files or information in the Microsoft 360 system.

In a time of increasing Internet paranoia, announcements such as these serve as a reminder to question if our personal information is truly safe.

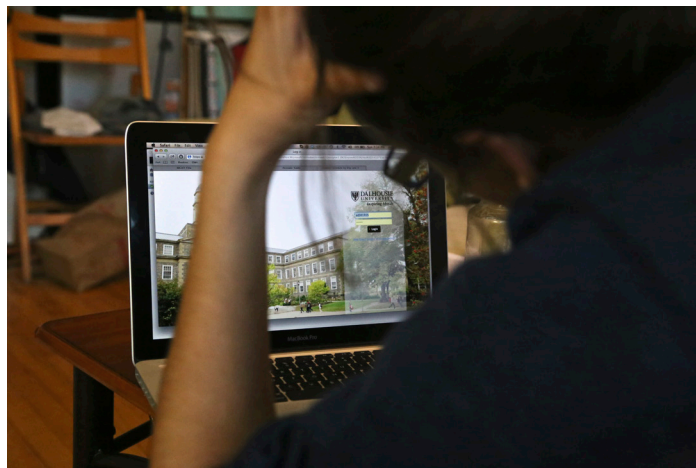
On Sept. 11, Dal posted another announcement about the cloud system titled "Spammers Are Trying To Steal Your Dal Email Account!!!"

With many bolded, italicized and all-capitalized words, this high-impact post explained how to detect a spam email and what to do if one accidentally responds to it.

"Apply the same knowledge as you would to 'bad food,'" the warning reads. "WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!" We must ask if the fear spread by such announcements is justified. Phishers and hackers have become a part of everyday life, and it is more important to be prepared than paranoid.

When approached for an interview, Dal computer science professor Stan Matwin said there would be no "gory, scary story" from research into Dal's email security.

Dal's chief information officer Dwight Fischer says phishing is the largest threat to the university. Phishers present themselves as organizations to trick people into revealing their usernames



and passwords, which can then be used to hack the network.

"This is not an attack on the system as such: it's an attack due to the fact that humans use email systems and humans are error-prone."

Due to new students arriving every year, there is always a large population unaware that Dal's IT department would never ask anyone for their username or password, and therefore believe fake "Dal" emails to be real.

"This is not an attack on the system as such: it's an attack due to the fact that humans use email systems and humans are error-prone," says Matwin. "But it's not

an attack on the grand system: not everybody's email will be compromised if somebody hacks into my or your email."

Topics such as email and Internet privacy no longer apply simply to a person's home or work computer. Smartphones are widespread around campus, and many aren't locked, making it easy for someone to pick up an unattended phone and get the information they desire.

Cafés are filled with students using open networks to access the web, and it's easy for a hacker to watch the happenings on the network and intercept information where they desire.

Dal's communication policy for students is that they must contact university administration or professors through their official Dal email accounts. "Any redirection of email will be at the student's own risk," the policy says.

Jennifer Von Dommelen teaches Dal's distance education first-year biology course. All the labs, assignments and lessons are done online, and communication tends to be via email. Some of the students do not live within the Halifax Regional Municipality.

"I'd have concerns that [these warnings] might put a student off from contacting me," says Von Dommelen, "but I don't think that's unique to an online class."

In-person and telephone are options to speak with a professor, as Von Dommelen and Fischer recommended for discussions that include sensitive information. Matwin said completely private communication should only occur face-to-face.

Dal Online, which displays grades, finances and timetables, is under a much more secure system than the emails because it contains such sensitive information.

"These guys aren't looking for individual's grades," Fischer said, "they're looking to get in to our network and do nefarious things to others on the internet."

While there are unavoidable risks associated with technology, Matwin pointed out that Dal's Microsoft Office 365 system doesn't have ads, making it more secure than many other web-based email systems.

Free email services such as Gmail and Hotmail will scan emails for key words and post advertisements based on those keywords in your email account.

However, the emails on an official Dal account still belong to the school legally.

"If there is some legal situation in the future where the university is liable," Matwin said, "then they have the right to use our emails."

Matwin said there are benefits to a shared university network, and that the information could be used positively. For example, the university could determine how many people are using Dal's wifi in the library after 7 p.m., and decide to keep the Second Cup open later.

"If we can use the data in that sense, without getting at the

level of the individual, but totally aggregate numbers, to manage logistics better than I think that we would all benefit from this," Matwin said.

"It's something that institutions need to manage carefully, to be able to use the data to benefit the community but still being privacy-conscious."

After Edward Snowden revealed the National Security Agency was spying on Americans through the Internet, students are no longer just worried about their privacy on the university network, but are also worried about foreign governments snooping in, says Fischer.

Apple, Google and Microsoft all work with the US government. The government continues to ask requests from these companies to obtain data from their networks. Yahoo returned to court last week to fight against government requests for data.

"Most governments would never want what we're sending back and forth," Fischer said.

Internet privacy is a concern today, and the university understands, which is why they continue to send out warnings with many exclamation marks. Fischer said changing your password every so often and keeping your username and password private is the best way to protect yourself against hacking.

Matwin recommends that Dal email users make their passwords non-trivial and their usernames discrete in order to make sure they have as much control over their privacy as possible.

"What most people are communicating is relatively safe, but they have to go into it with their eyes open," Fischer said. "That's just what it's like living in today's digital world." ☞

King's offers bursaries for students without government loans

Bursaries are for students who don't qualify for loans because of high-income parents, but still can't afford tuition

Julia Schabas
News Contributor

Students at the University of King's College will now be able to apply for bursaries from the King's Bursary Program without having to take out a government loan. This change affects students whose parents' income is too high for a loan, yet require financial assistance for post-secondary education.

Catherine Read, information and awards coordinator at the King's registrar's office, says a growing demand from students and suggestions from the College's

bursary committee resulted in the decision.

"There is not necessarily more money available now, but it does open up qualifications for [bursary] eligibility," says Read.

King's Student Union president Michaela Sam says the enhancement to the bursary program "happened through students coming together and expressing concern to our university's administration about needing increased accessibility to the college."

A parent declining to contribute to their child's post-secondary education does not necessarily entail a government loan by law,

according to the Nova Scotia Student Assistance Program's website.

Read points out that some students have a family situation where the cheques for tuition cannot be written.


"We see a lot of students that are in need of assistance, and that for whatever reason they aren't eligible for a loan," says Sam. "And that's why we've been advocating that the [Canada Student Loan Program] be converted into grants instead of loans."

Sam says Newfoundland and Labrador is a fantastic example of this model: the province provides

weekly, non-repayable grants to students from low to middle-income families. Sam added that students are putting a lot of pressure on the Nova Scotia government to follow suit.

According to the Nova Scotia Student Assistance Program's website, a parent's decision to not contribute

to their child's post-secondary education is not grounds for a government loan by law.

Read said many students have asked about applications already. The first deadline is the end of September, but the bursary program runs all year. 

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Dal Rebrands

University drops “Inspiring Minds” in favour of simpler logo

Sabina Wex

Assistant News Editor

Dalhousie changed its new logo by removing its tagline of 11 years, “Inspiring Minds.” The logo now contains an eagle in a crest and “Dalhousie University” written out in a bold, all-caps font.

“It’s a fresh and bold place, so we wanted a logo that looked cleaner, fresher,” says June Davidson, Dal’s director of marketing. “Without the tagline, it’s just: here we are, we’re Dalhousie, we’re boldly here.”

Davidson added that a brand tends to refresh its logo every five to seven years. With the arrival of President Richard Florizone and his new strategic plan, and a university with more people and research, it seemed like a good

time to refresh Dal’s logo.

In 2003, the university was trying to understand the world outside of it. Dal had 90 versions of a logo at the time and didn’t have a cohesive understanding of its reputation.

Research was done, and the university decided that “Inspiring Minds” would be the ideal tagline to draw in every audience Dal interacted with – from prospective and current students to parents, alumni, researchers, funders, potential employers and faculty.

Davidson adds that post-secondary education has become very competitive. Before 2003, businesses were mainly the ones concerned with visual identity, but universities were forced to adapt business strategies to continue drawing substantial amounts of

people and money.

Dal’s new logo comes with an updated brand. Its attributes, outlined by the university’s official brand guide, are: pioneering, inspired, purpose-driven, connected, influential and open. The personality of the brand is described as “a bit of swagger that is Fresh and Bold.”

“Whatever you do with helping to shape a brand has to apply to anyone,” Davidson said. “They all have to be able to feel what the essence is that you’re trying to convey, it has to mean something to everyone.”

The brand guide lists target demographics who could connect to Dal’s refreshed logo. Examples include “a pharmaceutical company headquartered in Switzerland looking for a scientific breakthrough,” and “a philan-

thropic family in Halifax looking to cement their legacy.”

Katie Wuytenburg is the student council president of Medway High School, located in Arva, Ont. Wuytenburg wants to study nursing next year, and Dal is one of her options. She, a student council president in Southwestern Ontario, is an example of someone listed in the brand guide who could connect to the refreshed logo.

“It’s open: Dalhousie University with a little logo on the side,” Wuytenburg said. “It’s nothing too extravagant, it’s just nice and easy-going.”

Laura Wernick was a post-doctoral fellow of social work at the University of Michigan and now teaches social work at Fordham University in New York. She fits another of the groups that Dal-

housie is trying to target with the new logo.

“While the eagle is in many countries, my first reaction was U.S. patriotism,” says Wernick. “I felt a need to double check that this was a Canadian university.”

When “Inspiring Minds” first hit Dal’s logo, taglines were en vogue. But Davidson noticed many universities, particularly prominent ones like the University of Toronto and McGill, are not using taglines anymore.

In consultations for Dal’s refreshed logo, there wasn’t even any talk of a tagline.

“Dalhousie is well-known, everything tells us our reputation is getting stronger all the time,” says Davidson. “It’s Dalhousie’s reputation, not the tagline’s reputation.” ☹



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Say goodbye to the DSU handbook

Dalhousie Student Union not releasing annual student guide due to cost, environmental issues

Eleanor Davidson

News Editor

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) is not releasing a student handbook this fall for the first time in many years.

The DSU already needed to make changes to the student agenda and guide, which originally cost between \$35,000 and \$45,000 and was funded entirely

by advertising.

Last year, the DSU published the Tiger’s Guide to Halifax, a much smaller version of the original handbook. The Tiger’s Guide contained information about the student union, different Dal societies and an introduction to the DSU executives.

Jennifer Nowoselski, vice president (internal) says companies started moving away from tra-

ditional print media with their advertising, making it harder to cover the cost.

“We decided that we didn’t want to have to take money out of student programming in order to pay for the handbook,” says Nowoselski.

It became clear last spring that even a modified, streamlined handbook would not be feasible for the upcoming year.

“We had an in-house graphic designer, so that cut down on a lot of the costs, but she found a different job over the summer and we knew that hiring someone for graphics would cost us a lot more,” says Nowoselski.

In addition to cost issues, the DSU noted the environmental impact of the handbook.

“We found that the handbook took so much paper and plastic to

produce that it really didn’t line up with our sustainability vision,” said Nowoselski.

“We just decided that we would focus more on our other communication tools throughout the year instead of spending money that could otherwise be used on student programming on the booklet.” ☹

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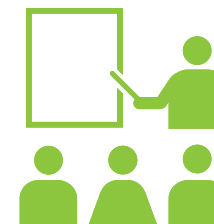
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opinions



Democratic Renewal or Bust

If the DSU don't opt in to a more engaging democracy, students may opt out of the system altogether.

John Hillman
Opinions Editor

Last week, the Gazette reported the DSU plans to embark on a process of democratic governance review over the upcoming year. Our union's leaders have opted out of Students Nova Scotia's upcoming independent review of member unions in favour of conducting their own process. This is a bold move, and if we want to ensure the long-term survival of the union, we need to get it right.

Democratic reform is long overdue. In recent years, the DSU hasn't been able to claim anything close to a popular mandate. We reached a "high" of 21 per cent voter turnout for the 2007 DSU elections, and that uninspiring figure has only plummeted over the last few years. In our most recent election last winter, we barely managed to draw 10 per cent of the student population out to the polls. Of that already meager number, spoiled ballot rates ranged from a low of 12 per cent to a high of 20 per cent, depending on the position.

The disconnect between the union and the majority of its members cannot continue indefinitely. With DSU fees approaching \$150 per year, increasingly large numbers of disillusioned students may soon find themselves asking why they are paying so much for an organization that has failed to engage them in a meaningful way.

A recent opinion piece in the National Post discussed the possibility of moving away from mandatory student union membership. As anyone who follows student politics knows, such a move would wreak havoc on union budgets and force us to reconsider our fundamental expectations of what services student unions should (and could) provide.



Jasspreet Sahib / Dalhousie Gazette

This isn't a pipe dream either. It has happened in other jurisdictions under circumstances similar to the ones we face now.

Reacting to agitation from groups of disillusioned students, governments in Australia (2006) and New Zealand (2011) passed laws prohibiting universities from requiring mandatory student union membership. The result was catastrophic to the unions as they existed at the time – some reports had university union memberships dropping by as much as 95 per cent.

Many student activists criticize such legislation. They argue that it is nothing more than a cynical attempt by governments to capitalize on student frustration in order to eviscerate the student movement. Others feel that student unions are broken and simply cannot make the necessary reforms through internal processes – that unions have had

decades to make such changes on their own, and student engagement has only continued to drop.

Whether one can stomach the outcome or not, it's hard to deny the populist appeal of this argument. If unions are running things so poorly that 95 per cent of students decide to quit when given the choice, clearly something needs to change.

Government legislation isn't the only way that student anger could bring about this result either. There's always the chance that frustrated students could take matters into their own hands and challenge mandatory union membership in court. Such challenges have already happened on a few occasions, though luckily for the unions involved, the students in those incidents lacked the resources to hire legal counsel.

Despite these sporadic, uncoordinated courtroom flops, many

believe there are compelling legal arguments in favour of abolishing mandatory student unionism.

The Frontier Centre for Public Policy, a right-wing think-tank, claims that mandatory student unionism violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and this argument has already found some limited success in a real world legal setting.

In 1994, BC's Commission of Appeals concluded that mandatory student unionism violated s.2(d) of the Charter (freedom of association) and directed Simon Fraser University to stop requiring mandatory membership in its student union.

This decision was later set aside by the BC Court of Appeal, which held that the Commission had exceeded its jurisdiction. Though SFU escaped on procedural grounds, the Charter argument that persuaded the Commission could very well pop up again if


student disillusionment continues to fester on campus.

Voluntary student unionism is a real possibility if we do not change our current course. Such an enormous shift in the way student unions are funded would force a radical internal restructuring and would likely result in the loss of services that many students hold dear.

This alone should impress upon our student politicians the importance of getting this democratic governance review right. If they believe in the DSU – if they believe that our strength comes from the stability of universal membership – they need to figure out how the union can empower and engage greater numbers of its students.

This process will be incredibly challenging. If the solution were simple, a previous generation would have fixed things before they got this bleak. Democratic reform is also only a part of the challenge. Student leaders need to evaluate whether they are using their resources as efficiently as possible. They need to make sure that they are running an organization that meets the needs and interests of the large cohort of students who rarely set foot in the SUB.

Even if the DSU does this, we won't singlehandedly reverse the tide of student disinterest that has washed over nearly every campus in the country. We can set an example though, and a DSU backed by a more engaged student population would be in a much better position to put up a fight for its continued existence.

There's no telling how many more chances we will get at this. Unless we want to see a penniless DSU's role reduced to organizing "wacky hair days" in a SUB building owned by the University, we'd better act now. 

Have a blast with the past

Who doesn't want to see pictures of their prof with a mullet?

Michael Bourgeois
Opinions Contributor

Let's start with a little context. I have (almost certainly) seen and read more issues of the Dal Gazette than any other person on this planet.

Think about that – I certainly have. I could make an argument that I am the foremost expert on the oldest university newspaper in North America.

So I'm kind of a big deal – or at least I'm someone who can explain why it is so incredible that the entire history of the Gazette is, hopefully by the time this issue goes to print, openly accessible to anyone with an Internet connection.

I was fortunate enough to spend my summer working with the good people in the Killam library archives. Without getting too into the details of my work, I was basically responsible for ensuring that the data attached to every issue would be searchable on DalSpace. This means that, once it is all online, anyone can go to DalSpace, search for any particular year or month and check out a downloadable PDF of the issue of their choice. All the way back to 1869. Yeah, the “*top hats and monocles*” 1869.

So why does this matter? Besides giving me a reason to say that I've done something no one else on this planet has yet done – did I mention that yet? – it also represents an amazing resource for those seeking insight into the concerns and issues that Dal students had at various points in history.

There are articles about Dal students going to Europe and elsewhere to fight in various wars, as well as ones about those who never came home.

There's an article about an interview that a Dal professor held with Albert Einstein prior

to the beginning of the Second World War.

There are annual issues outlining the antics of frosh (orientation) week, with some alarming parallels to those of the last few years.

Besides the sometimes amazing similarities shared over the years, there are also many signs of the prevailing beliefs of the times – I wish some of those contributors could come to my classes to see how “the delicate constitution of the weaker sex” is a hilariously and infuriatingly inaccurate way to describe the women of Dal.

Sometimes shocking is the insensitivity to issues now embraced by many (but still not enough) in society, but the Gazette also shows the role students and young people have played in pushing the social envelope.

Be it the boycott of a long, long since-closed dance hall for refusing to admit a Dal student on the basis of his race, to special LGBT editions (called “Gay Issues” because they were being printed years before the now-familiar acronym meant something) to issues involving the environment and women's rights.

If these things aren't enough to get you to take a look, I can promise you that there are plenty of pictures: current and past political figures, maybe your parents, and most importantly, many of your profs. (The best ones are from when they were still students – the 70s and 80s produced some fantastic fashion and hair-style decisions.)

Do with this information what you will. But I suggest you at least take a look when you're riding the bus to campus, or when you need something other than Reddit, your fantasy team, or drawing on your in-class Snapchats to kill time while that guy in the front row asks another ridiculous hypothetical question. ☹

Virtues of “Solar Power”

Basil Tiberius Hillman
Satire Contributor

Friends, classmates, countrymen, we have arrived at a momentous crossroads in the histories of both this university and our very planet.

I've been reading quite a bit lately about Divest Dal's 100 Days of Action campaign. This group is encouraging Dalhousie staff, students and alumni to speak up in favour of having the university's sizable endowment divested from the world's top 200 fossil fuel companies.

I couldn't agree more with this objective. Investing in fossil fuel is a grossly irresponsible use of our funds, a distasteful relic of our misguided past. We need to divest immediately. If I make take things a step further, I propose that we should reinvest our entire endowment in solar power. As it so happens, I already have the perfect investment opportunity in mind.

My friends, fossil fuels have failed us. If we truly wish to bring about the collapse of human civilization in a fashion reminiscent of a Roland Emmerich blockbuster, we need to band together now and insist that Dalhousie University reinvest its \$470 million endowment into my common sense plan to create a gigantic orbital death ray.

Perhaps a little explaining is in order.

I'll admit, back in 2006, I was as enthralled as the rest of you with the concept of fossil fuel assisted climate change. Watching Hollywood masterpieces such as *An Inconvenient Truth* and *The Day After Tomorrow* filled me with a thrill that I dare say bordered on the erotic.

Like many of my peers, I grew up idolizing such pioneering children's role models as the incorruptibly principled Hoggish Greedly from *Captain Planet* and the enchantingly brilliant, impeccably fashionable Carmen Sandiego.

Thus, it was only natural that my heart skipped a beat at the promise that I could contribute to something as devilishly grand as an Ice-pocalypse in New York City.

Year after year, I did everything I could to play my part in the

promised horrors. I left my industrial strength floodlights on at all hours, refused to eat anything except food imported from the remotest regions of the Australian Outback, and revved up my military-grade SUV for even the most trivial excursions to the drug store across the street.

As time passed, however, I started to notice a disturbing trend: the earth's temperature wasn't rising. Insufferable climate change skeptics laughed in my face, dismissing my fondest dreams as the stuff of fantasy. Climate scientists insisted that the catastrophic change was still looming – that we were continuing on a path to utter ruin, even if some of the short-term data misleadingly indicated otherwise. They compared us to frogs slowly boiling in a pot, unaware of our predicament until it was too late to act.

Such words were cold comfort. Frogs slowly boiling in a pot? Where was the drama? Where was the visual flare?

I have no shame admitting my youthful credulity, but the time for childish fantasies has ended. If we wish to see this world ravaged by cinematically pleasing super-disasters, the time to act is now. I need Dalhousie to entrust me with its \$470 million endowment.

I can't promise I'll destroy the entire planet. The Earth is pretty big, after all. To Alderaan the whole thing would take a pile of anti-matter the size of Mount Everest, and at a NASA-estimated \$100 billion per milligram, that is going to be a little beyond our budget.

What I'm proposing is a far more practical project based on the real-world plans developed by a secret Nazi research team back during the closing days of WWII.

First reported on publically in a 1945 issue of *Life* magazine, these plans envisioned the construction of an enormous space-based mirror. To facilitate the operation and maintenance of this mirror, the scientists planned to attach a habitable command center that would recycle its breathing air by means of an extensive pumpkin garden.

I assure you, this project is every bit as miraculous as it sounds.

The mirror would act much in the same way as the magnifying glasses that young boys use to torment ants, focusing tremendous concentrations of reflected solar energy onto a narrow region of the Earth. According to *Life*, the Nazis intended to use this power to scorch enemy cities and boil parts of the ocean.

Though this plan is a touch unconventional, I don't foresee much opposition from those who already support the Divest Dal campaign. The station operates entirely on solar energy and makes use of hydroponic gardening to supply the oxygen. Surely even the most unwashed, bearded of hippies should be able to find it in their hearts to throw their support behind this floating palace of pandemonium.

For those naysaying commerce types out there who are reluctant to see us divest our endowment from profitable fossil fuel companies, let me just emphasize that there's no reason we can't have both glorious destruction AND fantastic profits.

For example, let's say we demonstrate our awesome power and terrible resolve by zapping the Statue of Liberty into a red-hot tsunami of molten copper. Theatrically badass? Check. Metaphorically poignant? Check. And yet, the other, less interesting parts of New York City that we haven't destroyed still generate a gross metropolitan product of \$1.55 trillion. One would suspect that the city would be willing to pay handsomely to convince us to move on to lighting up the London Eye.

Ransom money aside, can we really put a price on doing the right thing? Can we live with tedious consequences if we fail to take action? Would any potential lost income even matter in the coming nightmarish hellscape brought about by the slow burn of climate change and the endless ravages of our untouchable hammer of the gods?

Look into your hearts. Search your souls. Know that I'll totally take this idea to SMU next if you turn me down.

I trust that you will make the right decision. ☹



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MEETINGS**

**Mondays 6:30pm
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From the Archives

Our ancient and proud tradition of bemoaning student apathy.

John Hillman
Opinions Editor

The DSU plans to conduct an independent democratic governance review at some point in the upcoming school year. One of the intended goals will likely be to increase student participation in the union. While our current voter turnout numbers would make the commentators of previous eras swoon in horror, rest assured that the basic tradition of handwringing over student apathy is nothing new.

Editorial

Volume 32, Issue 7
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Cannot a University, with an attendance of nearly four hundred students, successfully maintain one or two societies? There is no doubt that the trouble does not lie in the number of students, but in their attitude toward the societies. To those of us who are drawing near the end of our course, and thus can look back over several years of college life, there seems to have been a steady decline in college spirit. The sole aim of the more clever students, the class which naturally should be the most help to the societies, seems now to be, to do as much studying as possible whether the societies live or die. The effects of this selfish spirit are felt not only by the societies, but by the GAZETTE, which claims to be the students' paper, but which as a matter of fact, receives no assistance whatever, in the way of contributions, from

the great body of the students.

We believe that the time is ripe for a change. Many of the students are beginning to realize as never before that the condition of the societies is a disgrace to the college, and to wish for improvement. Let us remember that we are under an obligation to our college and fellow students, and give some of our time and energy for the good of all, and not spend them all on ourselves. Let us see to it that the Sodales be not allowed to die from lack of support.

(...)

The Presidents of the General Students, we beg pardon, the Students Council, might call for a meeting for reorganization and the election of officers. Whatever method be chosen, let something be done in the matter to remove from us the reproach of deadness and lack of spirit which we now deserve. ☹

Meet The Press Gang

John Hillman
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Of the thirty or so people who showed up [to the consultation meeting], I had the pleasure of speaking with a grand total of one attendee who was not a member of council, a reporter for the Gazette, or a DSU employee. The responsibility of representing the 15,000 or so non-DSU insiders apparently fell upon this single mathematics grad student, who actually only managed to show up in time for the pizza anyway, as

things wound down earlier than planned.

Now, I could easily write an article about the disgraceful apathy on the part of DSU councillors, the vast majority of whom couldn't be bothered to promote or even attend this crucial student feedback session. I think, however, that their chastisement is best left to Courtney Larkin and her unholy machete vengeance.

The more serious problem arising from this miniscule turnout is that it makes an utter joke out of the idea that the DSU executive and council are governing based on student input. The only attendees of this immensely important feedback event were members of the innermost circle of DSU pol-

"Students' Council Not Effective"

Dorothy Wigmore
Volume 104, Issue 1
September 10, 1971

Better representation of the [average student] might be achieved if more students and councilors came out to Council meetings, he felt. The meetings are open to all Dalhousie students. They can come and speak, "provided they maintain some semblance of order," he added. "That's the ideal system but how the hell do you get people into it? They just sit back and say there's nothing they can do. But there is."

The two executive members agreed that student government,

in its present form, is "only relevant to those who take some kind of interest or are involved or are affected by it." Smith cited the example of the graduates and professional schools, who have wanted to get out of the Union for two or three years.

He then mentioned how he, as Student Union President, had helped two Law students out of a jam in their faculty. This, he said, should help Law students realize the Union can be of use to them. They also hoped that Council would not get bogged down in petty arguments, as they have in previous years. "Everyone has an axe to grind," said Campbell.

Councillors are supposed to go to their society meetings and get

some idea of what the students they represent want, explained Smith. He hopes they will-do that this year.

Smith himself also keeps in contact with students by eating meals in the residences. There, he talks to residence council members, and anyone else who has problems.

To reach a larger segment of the student population, Smith hopes to hold meetings in both residences and in the McInnes Room of the Student Union Building.

"In other words," he said, "if we can't get the people to us, we're going to go to the people."

(...) ☹

itics and a sprinkling of Gazette staffers, two groups of self-important windbags whose opinions are not exactly underrepresented on campus.

Between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, the British had their own problem with apathy. Just as most students today are reluctant to sit through hours of DSU councillors droning on and on about the need to remove councillor speaking limitations, so too were most average Britons hesitant to sign up for years of thankless, backbreaking labour aboard the ships of the Royal Navy. Given that the fleet could not sail without adequate participation from the general population, the Royal Navy resorted to a sure-fire strategy that the DSU would be well-advised to take under consideration. I am referring, of course, to the use of press gangs.

Press gangs were teams of burly men who would prowl around port cities, looking for suitable candidates to recruit for lengthy terms of service in Royal Navy. Given most citizens' reluctance to enter the navy, it was common for these gangs to apply liberal beatings and a healthy quantity of rope in order to help their recruits recognize the many charms of a life at sea. It might not have been pretty, but then again, the Brits had one hell of a navy. Clearly, the

DSU could stand to learn a few things from this example.

The infrastructure needed to form our own press gang is already in place. Instead of traveling round campus and spreading the word about upcoming events, members of the currently existing "Tiger Troupe" would instead beat a diverse selection of students senseless, dragging their semi-conscious bodies to the various conferences, committees, and consultations that depend on student participation. Things might get just a little bit messy, but it would ensure, for the first time in living memory, that all DSU events were attended by a representative collection of Dalhousie students.

While the gangs would not necessarily solve the additional problem of keeping students at the meetings once they recover enough strength to crawl away, council can easily address this by either making desertion punishable by public lashings, or by upping the post-meeting pizza budgets. Sure, there will be inevitable ethical questions that arise from the notion of beating students into participating in the democratic process, but rest assured that the press gang will "settle" any concerns in a timely and efficient manner.

I can see the new promotional slogan already: "The DSU Tiger Troupe - If they won't join you, beat them." ☹



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It's a small world, Molly Rankin

A chat with Alvays' leading lady

Mat Wilush
Arts Editor

Halifax's music scene is a sort of insular entity; a breeding pool that occasionally spits up a nationally-renowned band, but often tends to harbour its own. So it's pretty great to have one of our own come back.

Alvays, who performed at the Dalhousie Quad on Saturday evening, is a Toronto-based band fronted by Molly Rankin of the Rankin Family clan. Incidentally, she happens to be a former Dal student. The Gazette called Molly to talk about her short stint at the school, and about her return.

Gazette: So is it going to be strange to come back to Dal for DalFest? Anything you're looking forward to?

Molly Rankin: It's been a long time. I'm excited to go back. From what I remember, Dal shows are pretty wild. The thing I love about Halifax is that it's a full-blown city, but it's so compact. You can get everywhere on foot, so I'm excited to just walk around.

G: Where's your favourite place to go in the city?

MR: We all love Halifax and we love a lot of food in Halifax. We love the Marquee; it was always this kind of iconic place. We have a lot of memories in that building.

G: Well, what's the best thing to eat in the city?

MR: Thai food. The Thai food in Halifax is so good. Cha Baa Thai is the best.

G: So why did you chose to come to Dal?

MR: I think I was first there for a volleyball tournament in high school and I really liked the cam-



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pus. I also had a tiny scholarship.

G: And you left Dal's theatre program when you were 19?

MR: Well it was more of a general arts program, but yeah, my family was going on tour. I left in my third semester. I thought that I'd be going back, but I just never did. I was a little out of my element in the theatre program. I'm a bit of an introvert. I was sort of intimidated by everything.

G: How'd you feel about the cafeteria food here?

MR: Well, I lived in Shirreff. I ate a lot of grapefruit. Lots of grapefruit, bagels and cucumbers. Not a lot of protein. I think that I put on about 15 pounds – too much cream cheese.

G: Freshman 15, eh? Did you have a favourite watering hole when you lived out here?

MR: Well, I was underage through pretty much all of it. I didn't really go to any bars, but I did go to the Grawood quite a bit. I could still be around my friends and not drink.

G: So if you were to go back, what sort of program would you be into?

MR: I'd probably go into geology. Yeah, one of our close friends did geology at Dal and it just seems really interesting. It's very applicable to the current state that the earth is in.

G: Can you recall any really good shows that you caught out here?

MR: We went to see Sloan – I think that it was during frosh week at Dal. Wintersleep played.

G: How does it feel to consider yourself a part of this scene?

MR: I don't know! I don't really even consider myself a musician; that's pretty freaky to think about. I just try to avoid those thoughts.

G: If you were to give one piece of advice for students who are at Dal now, what would it be?

MR: Let me think. Um. I'd probably say to explore the city. I didn't do that enough when I was at Dal. There's a lot of great art in the city, and great music. **G**



Two nights under purple lights

A look back at the DalFest weekend

Mat Wilush
Arts Editor

A friend told me that to write about a show or festival isn't about explaining the show to those who weren't there, but about instilling nostalgia for those who were. And there's a lot to be nostalgic about.

The two nights of DalFest held some captivating performances, and the openness of the festival meant that students from all over

were coming together to spill beer on one another, lie in the grass with one another and shake and twist with one another.

The weekend felt almost reflective of an out-of-control party: Shad pulls the first night's crowd together with a high-energy and high-volume hip-hop set. The bass-end vibrates the port-o-poties. He rips into an a capella verse and returns to the wild crowd for an encore. The party continues.

It all seems to build and build, and after his set, the crowd disperses into small streamlets; the quad is teeming with students, each bound for a different party.


With Saturday comes the hang-over. The messy breakfast and half-awake conversation. Swapping stories of the night past, eager for the next round to begin, but with a little more trepidation than the previous night.

The mania has subsided; the

party is starting to wind down. Alvays takes the stage to a noticeably thinner crowd, but those that are there are singing along every word. Preparing for their song Marry Me, Archie, the band's leading vocalist Molly Rankin says Archie is in the crowd.

When Hey Rosetta! starts up, the crowd sways in unison. The mood is different than the previous night; whereas Shad had been the initial madness of a big party,

Hey Rosetta! was more akin to the end of the night: when all the booze is gone and all that's left is the final cling to the fading night. They cap their performance with a confetti cannon that showers on the crowd below.

By Sunday, the stage is dismantled and the Quad is cleaned. Classes are soon to resume and the Tim's line grows. All that's really left is the nostalgia for the craziness of the weekend. 

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Turning the tables on the Gazette's arts editor

Hannah Daley
Arts Contributor

This week, contributor Hannah Daley sat down with the Dalhousie Gazette's arts editor, Mat Wilush, to talk about his creative process and involvement with the paper.

Hannah: How did you come to be the arts editor of the Dalhousie Gazette?

Mat: In my first semester we were having our Christmas party and the arts editor at the time was kind of drunk and he was telling me, "You gotta be the next arts editor!" So that got me thinking, and I just did it.


H: How long have you been doing this for?

M: This is my second year. Last year I was nervous as hell because it seemed like a big responsibility, but I had a great assistant editor. Her name was Zoe and she saved my ass a few times. This year I'm doing it solo; I'm excited.

H: What was the first thing you wrote for the Gazette?

M: I wrote a piece called Sightings in the dark. It was about an art exhibition at the ViewPoint Gallery. It was a very weird style of photography. It was fun, and there was this cool sound going on in the back. I did a review on what it was like to be standing in that room.

H: How can people contribute to the Gazette?

M: It's really easy. We have meetings on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in our office in the SUB. Honestly, just show up. We have free pizza. If you have any inclination of writing, just show up at the meetings. If you have your own ideas you can pitch those to us. I'm more stoked to publish other people's ideas rather than constantly fill it with my own. I like seeing it varied. There are so many students here and so many people who like to write and this is a great venue for getting anything published. 

A Comprehensive Guide to South End Convenience Stores

Not All Are Created Equal

William Coney
Arts Contributor

Let's face it: you get peckish at an odd hour, and you don't want to walk that extra ten minutes to Sobeys or Atlantic Superstore when you want just a single item. As such, you must rely on the good old university student staple that is the convenience store.

But not all corner stores are the same, as one quickly learns, and they each have their own unique style and atmosphere. Here is a breakdown of some of the various little shops found in Halifax's South End, with special attention being paid to the Cleanliness, Stock, and Service of each store.

Big General Store, 6070 South St.: Right by the corner of South and Henry, and close to campus is this little corner store. It was relatively free of some of the clutter which seems to overcrowd other stores, and service was prompt and knowledgeable. The stock was relatively complete, but with a limited amount of Mexican and Asian goods. Item purchased: Reese's Cups. Rating: B-

Jerry's Kwik-Way, 5465 Inglis St.: This store is very different from most other grocers; it has a rather poor stock for anything except South Asian Cuisine. But for this, it is king, boasting a large variety of rice, curries and other goods. The location itself felt well lived-in, although service took a while as the clerk got into an extended conversation with one of his regular customers. Item purchased: Canned fava beans and chickpeas. Rating: C

Atlantic News, 5560 Morris St.: Just outside Gerard Hall, the Atlantic News is without comparison to other convenience stores in the South End – it is nice, clean, and filled with literature. As it is said, "Man shall not live on bread



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alone." This considered, as a corner store proper, it kind of sucks. It's only open until 9:30 p.m., and its stock of essential items is dismally low, but the atmosphere more than makes up for it. Item purchased: Cheddar Scone. Rating: A

Jubilee Junction, 6273 Jubilee Rd.: One of the more (in)famous offerings in this part of the South End, Jubilee Junction is best known for its amazing ice cream sandwiches. It also has an incredibly welcoming staff, talking with any customer who walks in as if they've known them for years – which is likely the case for the old-timers who walked in on my visit. There does remain some fault, though, in that its grocery offerings, while cheap and varied, are quite literally a mess, and some

items were past their expiration date. But I suppose most students don't care about that – it's got cheap ice cream and goods. Item purchased: Oatmeal Crisp Raisin Cereal. Rating: A

Triple A Convenience and Pizzeria, 6279 Jubilee Rd.: The Montagues to the Capulets, the Prussians to the French, Triple A Convenience to Jubilee Junction – the world is full of famous rivalries, and none is more apparent than this one. They do also have what seems to be a better stock of general foodstuffs, a bit more cleanly arranged than what we see across the street. They also have some rather unique items, such as avocados (which were still a little too unripe for me to purchase). To compare them with Jubilee Junction is really apples and oranges

– they just do not fulfil the same needs. Item purchased: Suzie's Quinoa Fortified Quinoa Non-Dairy Beverage. Rating: A

Robyn's Dairy Bar, 6169 Quinpool Rd.: This corner store is really odd. As far as its stock goes, it (wisely) forgoes much of the expected staples which could found at the Atlantic Superstore and Shopper's (located in the same plaza). That said, it's not a strike out. It's full of some oddities and has a long dairy bar, well-stocked with ice cream. It's cheap and varied enough that it can compete with the Superstore in this specific domain. It's quite the likeable place, although as far as "corner stores" go, it leaves some room for improvement. Item purchased: "To My Special Friend" Card. Rating: B+ 



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Gottingen's History Comes Alive

Gottingen 250 Celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the North End Junction

Meagan Wiederman
Arts Contributor

On Sept. 13 and 14, the North End of Halifax celebrated the 250th anniversary of the naming of Gottingen Street. But this festival, according to Patricia Cuttell, executive director for North End Businesses, commemorates “not just the naming of the street, but about life on Gottingen.”

The festival's events were largely centered at the main stage, located on Maitland Street. Events were held throughout the weekend, from noon until 1 a.m.

The festivities commenced on the 13th with a performance from a Mi'kmaq elder and drummers,


based out of the Friendship Centre on Gottingen Street for the past 30 years.

Local musicians and vendors set up around Gottingen for sidewalk sales and art expositions. Hope Blooms, a community garden, held classes to teach children how to make fresh salad dressing.

To memorialize the event, 14 commemorative plaques were placed around the street to denote historical locations or local heroes of Gottingen and the North End.

The Gottingen 250 festival is also attempting to collect and share its community's stories from a local perspective using an app, released globally during the festival. This app will store pho-

tos, interviews and research collected for the festival and graph it on a map. Once released to the public, everyone will be able to share their old personal stories and photos of past housing, businesses and community events of the North End to collect the history of Gottingen Street and share it with others. This app will create the “living history” Cuttell describes when attempting to commemorate “life on Gottingen.”

Gottingen was the primary shopping district of Halifax, but underwent a downturn in productivity after the construction of Scotia Square in the 1970s, which cut off Gottingen from downtown Halifax. 



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Tigers edge Red Bombers for home opener win

Henry Whitfield
Sports Contributor

In a game full of mistakes for both teams, the Dalhousie Football Club managed to hold off a late UNB Red Bombers drive to seal a 31-25 win in their season opener.

Strong defense and a bit of luck helped the Tigers stave off a comeback to get their season off to a winning start in a game that saw a rouge, a blocked punt, clock malfunctions and lots of flags.

The win marked the first victory in the Alan Wetmore era, with the first year head coach happy to pick up a win in his debut, despite the sloppiness.

"It was a hectic few weeks," he said after the game. "Getting the guys into camp and getting them ready for this week and it showed a little bit. But we made adjustments and I'm really proud of the team."

"I'm very happy we won, it could have been cleaner but it's been a heck of a two weeks with a first year staff trying to figure out our team and what we're capable of."

Dalhousie got off to a strong start with an interception by

Jason Sobey on the Red Bombers first drive, the first of four interceptions by the Tigers defense in the game.

Tigers quarterback Matt Shannon quickly moved the team down field, before second year running back Adam Gallant punched in a one-yard run for a quick 7-0 lead.

The Tigers cranked up the pressure with two more interceptions in the quarter, but were unable to turn the defensive pressure into points and the Red Bombers capitalized on a late punt block, as Tyler Sturgeon ran in for a defensive touch down.

UNB took the opportunity to add pressure in the second quarter, adding a safety, a rouge and a touchdown by Cody Stewart to take a 16-10 lead into halftime.

It turned from bad to worse for the Tigers in the third quarter as their opening kickoff was returned for a touchdown by the Red Bombers, which left them starting on their goal line to start the second half trailing 23-10.


The early touchdown served as a warning for the home side and the Tigers offence shook the rust off and woke up, with Shannon finding a rhythm and connecting with receiver Brandon Steeves for

a 50-yard touchdown reception. Penalties in the fourth quarter saw the Tigers ending up conceding a safety and setting the Red Bombers up with the ball trailing 31-25 with just two minutes left in the game.

With the added pressure, UNB's offence faltered and picked up a slew of penalties, pushing them deep into their own end and turning the ball back over to the Tigers with seconds left on the clock.

Looking to the future, coach Wetmore was pleased with the performance and insisted the team needed to focus on special teams and making adjustments on both sides of the ball.

"The players showed great backbone and the coaches made the adjustments in the second half that needed to be made. Sure we could have played better, but we'll clean that up and get ready for the next game," said Wetmore.

The Tigers now head on the road for their next two games to play both UNB Saint John and Holland College, before their Pinktoberfest game against UNB Saint John at Wickwire Memorial Field on Oct. 4. 



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A packed home crowd at Dal football's season opener against the UNB Red Bombers



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Michelle Yates faces her old team for the first time since becoming a Tiger Alex Maxwell / Dalhousie Gazette

From Husky to Tiger

Michelle Yates joins Dal in her fifth year of eligibility

Graeme Benjamin
Sports Editor

Michelle Yates, who was a member of the Saint Mary's Huskies varsity soccer program for four years, has turned in her burgundy jersey and traded it for a black and gold one. Yates will be competing in her final year of varsity eligibility under the leadership of head coach Jack Hutchinson and the rest of her newly formed Tigers family.

Yates, who was awarded AUS first team all-star and CIS second team all-star honours in 2012,

says she relishes in the opportunity to compete for a new squad.

"I thought that with it being such a big school it wouldn't be as close-knit as Saint Mary's was, but it's really, really good here," she says.

Yates says her switch to Dalhousie did not derive due to a damaged relationship with the Huskies and that it was primarily for academic reasons. The Fall River, NS native intends on pursuing a Bachelor of Science at Dal, specializing in Geology.

Though Yates enjoyed her experience as a Huskie, she is enjoying the competitive environment that

head coach Jack Hutchison constantly promotes.

"Jack demands the best and it's very intense, but I'm enjoying it," she says.

Yates' presence is felt every time she steps foot on the field. Her technical ability and speed combined with her general instinctual drive for the game makes Yates an elite member in the AUS. She currently leads the Tigers in goals scored with two after she led the attack in the second half of the Tigers 3-2 loss to the Mount Allison Mounties on Sept. 6. Yates was also named player of the game in Dal's first two matches.

"I just take what I've done so far in my career and try to apply it in each game and each practice to up the level of play," she says.

For her efforts in the opening weekend of play, Yates was awarded the Dalhousie G2 Athlete of the Week.


Yates says her new teammates were exceptionally welcoming during time of transition.

"I've played with most of them on Halifax Dunbrack and a couple of them I've played with at Suburban as well. Most of them are local so it's not really that much different," she says.

After taking a year off from var-

sity action, Yates is excited to help the Tigers reclaim the AUS title.

"I don't want to be overbearing with anything," she says. "There are already some really good leaders on the team and captains appointed but I just am always trying to up the level of play."

In Yates' return to first return to Huskies Stadium on Sept. 13 since becoming a Tiger, she had four shots, but none found the back of the net. 

Preview: Cross-country

Tigers prepare for another head-to-head matchup with StFX

Graeme Benjamin
Sports Editor

The battle for cross-country supremacy between Dalhousie and St. FX is about to take new heights, and Tigers head coach Rich Lehman feels this is both squads' most prepared year yet.

"This is the team," Lehman says confidently. "I think St. FX has a very similar team to what they had last year, but I think ours is much better."

Lehman, who is entering his third year as head coach of both teams, and his coaching staff worked vigorously throughout the offseason to ensure that both teams are able to compete at the highest caliber possible. He feels they are prepared to fine-tune how they approach each meet.

"We don't want to dwell on how good [St. FX] is. We want them to start thinking about how good we

are," he says.

Leading the pack on the men's side are Matt McNeil and Matthias Mueller. McNeil, who placed second overall at the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) championships last year, agrees with Lehman in regards to the team's potential.

"Definitely in the four years I've been here this is the most promising year," he says.

New additions to the men's roster include Will Russell and Jacob Wing. Not returning to the Tigers lineup this year are Oliver Hathaway, Adam McGregor and Bruce Russell. Lehman says the transition has been going smoothly in the early stages of the season.

"Jake is right around the same level as Oliver," he says. "Anyone that we lost, someone definitely stepped up and replaced them."

Names to watch out for on the women's side include Ellen

Chappell, Coleen Wilson and Maddie Crowell. Similarly to McNeil, Chappell placed second overall at the AUS championships last year. Those not returning are dual-athlete Natalie Sachrajda and dual-athlete Anna Von Maltzahn.

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Every year, both Tigers teams find themselves battling with St. FX for top spot. The X-Men have taken home the AUS banner the

past three years. The last men's cross-country team to win the championship that was neither Dal nor St. FX was UNB in 2001. The women Tigers, on the other hand, have taken home the AUS title in three of the past four years. Lehman stresses the importance in making their presence known in each individual race.

"It's very hard to win an AUS championship if you haven't beat [St. FX] at least once throughout the year," he says. "The plan is, right from the first race, to let them know we're there." Lehman says his approach to how each team will compete weekly will vary.

"With the women, it will be to keep the pedal down and not let any other team feel like they have a chance," he says. "With the men, we want to be able to show [the X-Men] that we're a more serious and competitive team than

we've been."

The Tigers that competed at the Canadian Interuniversity Championships (CIS) in London, Ont. last year achieved lackluster results, with both teams unable to crack the top 10. Lehman says it is mostly due to unpreparedness.

"When you're in a situation where you have seven athletes and none of them run well, you don't blame the athlete," he says. "I don't think as a coaching staff we put them in enough situations to really challenge themselves and go to the mental, emotional place where they needed to be."

Despite the CIS blunder, Lehman believes this year's team prepared to learn from their mistakes and make a stir in the CIS rankings this year.

AUS cross-country championships will be hosted in Halifax on Oct. 25. **G**

Dal soccer teams triumph over Huskies

Prakinson, Evraire lead Tigers to victory

Graeme Benjamin
Sports Editor

It was a successful day for both of Dalhousie's soccer teams at the newly renovated Huskies Stadium on Sept. 13. The women squeaked out a 1-0 win over the Huskies, while the men followed with a shutout victory of their own, defeating Saint Mary's 2-0.

Coming off a poor opening weekend of play that saw the women's team unable to walk away with a win, the Tigers were able to bounce back against their cross-town rivals.

The game remained scoreless in the first half with chances coming evenly from both sides. Halfway through the second, the game looked as if it was destined for another scoreless draw.

In the 71st minute, however, rookie striker Jensen Hudder made an exceptional move past a Huskie defender to find an open Victoria Parkinson by the

far post, who tapped the ball into the back of the net. Katie Morgan only needed to make four saves to record the shutout for Dal.

With the win, the Tigers sit in the middle of the standings with a 1-1-1 record.

The Huskies loss puts them in the basement of the standings, losing all their games played thus far.

The male Tigers also got off to a fairly slow start, with the Huskies maintaining much of the ball possession in the early going.

With less than three minutes remaining in the half, midfielder Bezick Evraire was able to find open space, stay outside and put one past Huskies keeper Adam Miller to have a one-goal lead going into the second.

Though the Huskies turned up the pace in the second, they were unable to get one past rookie keeper Tristan Leopold, who made six of his total seven saves in the second half. William Wright



SMU's Raymond Crane puts pressure on Dal striker William Wright as he lines up for the kick.

came off the bench and added an insurance goal for the Tigers in the 79th minute to put the game

out of reach.

The Tigers are set to take their first road trip of the season, facing

the Cape Breton Capers on Sept. 20, followed by the St. FX X-Men the following day. **G**

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Picking up where they left off

Sub-head: Dal lacrosse continues to impress in opening weekend of play

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Dalhousie's lacrosse team continued their familiar winning ways in their opening weekend of playing, beating the Saint Mary's Huskies 18-10, followed by a dominating 21-3 victory over the

Mount Allison Mounties.

The Tigers, who have won three straight Maritime University Field Lacrosse championships and five in the past six years, got off to a slow start against the Huskies, entering the second quarter down by three.

They picked things up in the sec-

ond, however, with tallies from five different Tigers to give them a one-goal lead at the half. After an even third quarter, the Tigers ran away with it in the fourth, scoring seven goals to Saint Mary's one.

Husky Dan Michel had a game-high seven goals, while Duane Davis led the Tigers with four.

It was not as close of a matchup on Sept. 13, with the Tigers putting a stunning 21 total goals on the board in the victory. Jamie Dunbar was the top point and goal scorer in the game with five.

The Tigers will be expecting much of the same results next week as they hit the road for the

first time of the season, taking on the Mounties on Sept. 20 followed by the UNB Buccaneers the following day. Both teams have yet to win a game this season. **G**



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New boss on the bench

Al Wetmore takes reigns as Dal football head coach

Tyler Brown
Sports Contributor

New Dalhousie football coach Al Wetmore is not kidding when he says he wants commitment from his 48 charges in this year's iteration of the Dal Football Tigers, newly formed squad.

When a team member slept in instead of joining the team for a morning practice, Wetmore brought the other 47 football Tigers to the offender's house, piling in and on to wake him up and drag him from his bed to the field. "We called it a long punt return," Wetmore laughed as he

talked about the incident, giving a glimpse into the coaching mindset that Wetmore says he will bring to the team this year.

"We've got talent; this team can play," Wetmore added, "My job is to get these 48 athletes to commit to the system and buy in."

After last season's semi-final loss to the eventual champion Holland College Hurricanes, the 4-2-1 overall 2013 Tigers brought in a new coaching staff to try and in an attempt to change the philosophy of the team. Wetmore will become the team's third head coach in the team's five-year existence, taking over from last

year's leader Stuart MacLean, who stepped down at the end of last season.

Wetmore's name came up quickly in the discussions of potential replacements, a process that MacLean helped returning general manager Rick Rivers and the team's group of founders to make.


"He's got a very good football resume, as well as a pretty darn good coaching acumen," says Wilson. "We've all invested a lot of time and effort and Stu wanted to make sure that we had somebody that could take it to the next level. We're hoping that under Alan we'll do that."

A former CFL standout for the Montreal Alouettes and Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Wetmore last coached the Sir John A. MacDonald Flames high school program. He brings with him offensive coordinator Evan Brown, offensive line coaches Shaun Carvery and Mike Hubley, and defensive line coaches Mark Hagget and Nate Annan.

The Tigers first test will be last year's last place UNB Fredericton, who lost to Dal in last year's consolation game.

"We want to win the league, obviously, and we wouldn't all be here if we didn't think we could

" says Wetmore, "and that starts with Saturday's game. I'm looking forward to seeing what we have when our feet are to the fire and it means something."

At the very least the Tigers have proven they will leave no man behind in their pursuit of the 2014 championship, a fact proven quite definitively by the early morning antics of the new coach and the committed 47 who followed him to pick up a stray and bring him back into the fold. 



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