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# Dalhousie Outdoor Society seeks levy

A levy as a means to bring societies together







**Yusraa Tadj** News Contributor

Students looking for a break from daily life on campus can take part in trips to Cape Breton, Cape Split, Kejimkujik National Park and York Redoubt, amongst several others. Those looking to get some exercise can take part in different outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, kayaking, surfing and canoeing.

These activities are organized by the Dalhousie Outdoor Society (DOS), a society with over 200 members.

George Kitching, DOS president, describes the role of the society as bringing students "into the outdoors of Nova Scotia to experience the beauty and fun that nature offers, through planned trips and connecting students with similar interests".

After having provided so

many activities for students, the DOS is now looking for a levy, where each full-time student pays a small amount of their tuition to fund the society: 50 cents per semester per full time student, and 25 cents for part time students.

"The idea behind the levy is part of the plan to make the society bigger. What we are trying to do is unify the outdoor specific societies under the umbrella of (one) outdoor society. The levy is more than just asking students for money for outdoor programming, it's about unifying the outdoor societies with similar mandates of DOS," says Kitching.

The DOS has very specific plans for how their levy funds would be used, with 45 per cent of the levy being split between societies focusing on the outdoors. The remaining 55 per cent would go to DOS operating and facilities such as equipment storage.

"With the unification, it's very ambitious but I think we are very keen on it," says Kitching.

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Currently, members of the DOS pay a membership fee of 30 dollars, but Kitching says that the levy would allow the society to eliminate this fee.

"It's such a barrier. A lot of our day trips are free. All of our overnight trips, which are more fun, are only for members that pay. If we get the levy we can expand, have more trips, more vehicles and give money to similar societies that have a similar mandate." Support for the DOS levy has been widespread, from the Surfing Society to the Sailing Team.

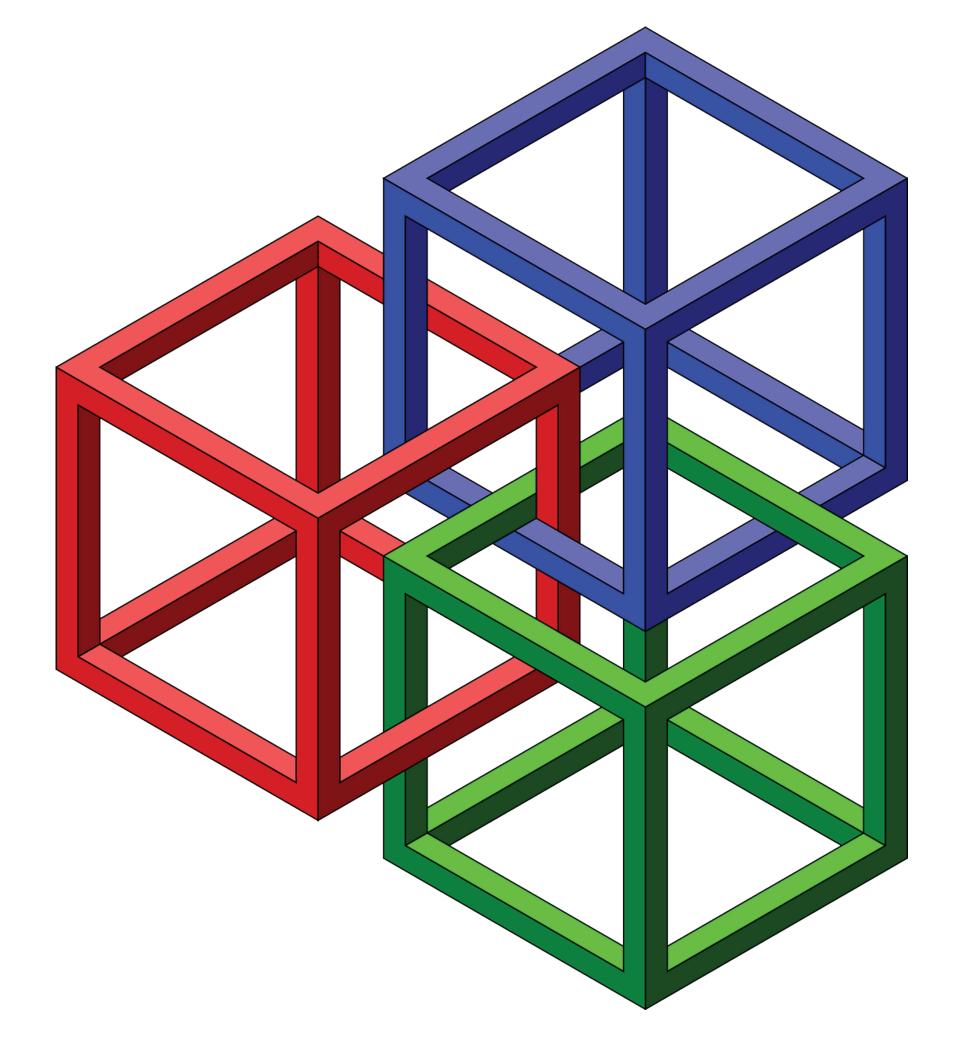
"We have [also] been working very closely with the [Dalhousie Student Union]. They have been helpful with amending the constitution and levy application. They're on board with the idea and it could mean bettering the outdoor activities at Dal," says Kitching.

Dal's unique situation close to the oceans and a wide array of parks increases the number of opportunities for DOS excursions.

"The executives of our society care about the outdoors because of mental health benefits. Outdoor programming is important for keeping [students] grounded, focused in classes and connected with other Dal students".









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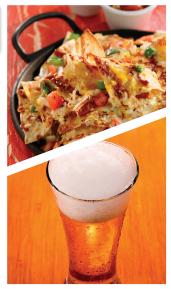


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# Dal's Dean of Arts and Social Sciences to be new SMU president

# Robert Summerby-Murray to take over SMU presidency in July



Robert Summerby-Murray. • • • Photo from Dal.ca

**Eleanor Davidson** News Editor

aint Mary's University will have a new president as of July 1, it was announced last Wednes-

Dalhousie's Robert Summerby-Murray, who served as Dean of Arts and Social Sciences for four years, will be taking over from Colin Dodds, who has been president at SMU for nearly 15

Summerby-Murray was pre-

sented to the students and faculty of SMU at a "Town Hall to meet the preferred candidate for the president of Saint Mary's University."

However, controversy has arisen over SMU eschewing the traditional open-selection process ending with three potential candidates in favour of the selection of a single preferred candidate.

Marc Lamoureux, the president of the Saint Mary's Faculty Union was quoted in the Chronicle Herald, saying, "I think they

are willingly and knowingly violating the collective agreement [...] they just want to have their

"I think they are willingly and knowingly violating the collective agreement... They just want to have their way."

Saint Mary's faculty members have described Summerby-Murray's appointment as a "state secret" and a "coronation," since they were not presented with different candidates for the university's presidency.

Wednesday's Since announcement, Summerby-Murray himself has not commented publicly on the controversy at SMU. Instead, he has focused upon his plans for the university and reflected upon his time at

In an email sent by Dal president Richard Florizone to the Dalhousie community, the president included Summerby-Murray's reminiscences upon his years spent as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

"My years at Dalhousie have been professionally and personally rewarding, and as I look forward to the new leadership opportunity that is ahead of me I am grateful for the things I've learned and the friendships I've made here," wrote Florizone.

# Advocating for peaceful protest and a one-state solution

Founder of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolition speaks in Halifax

Tegan Samija **News Contributor** 

ccording to Jeff Halper, a A Jewish-American anthropology professor who has lived in Israel since 1973, Israel is "consciously, deliberately, systematically refusing the two-state solution with a matrix of control."

He therefore proposes solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a one-state solution. Israelis and Palestinians living in one state could have equal rights and a two-house parliament one Israeli and one Palestinian that would give every citizen two votes, he suggested at a lecture at

St. Andrew's United Church on

"They could have national universities and museums, and neither house could make decisions without the other's consent ... it would be a consociational state ... because they're not based on trust - everyone is included and everyone has a stake."

Halper says Israel's political and economic gains from the conflict are the reason for its rejection of the two-state solution.

"The occupation becomes a laboratory," he said. "Israel is the world leader in biometrics because it has Palestinians walking through checkpoints

"Israel is very clever ... I was interviewed here this morning and one caller argued that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East," he said, explaining that 95 per cent of the land taken from the Palestinians in 1948 is currently labelled as park or agricultural land, even when it is not suitable for farming.

"This is not going to come from within," he said, "that's why I'm here and not in Tel Aviv – we need international support."

When not traveling the world to garner support, Halper acts as the head of his organization, the Israeli Committee Against House Demolition (ICHAD).

"We chain ourselves to the houses, we get in front of bulldozers ... when there are journalists, diplomats, and activists involved in the commotion, [the Israeli soldiers] retreat because they don't want photographs," said

ICHAD has rebuilt the house of one man, Salim Shawamreh, six times. Shawamreh also lives with his wife and their seven children.

"The tragedy was that the

driver of the bulldozer was a friend of Salim's," Halper said of the first time Israeli soldiers gave Shawamreh's family 15 minutes to evacuate their home and then pumped tear gas through the windows when Shawamreh protested and his wife locked the door.

Shawamreh applied for a building permit three times, each time costing him \$5,000, in hope of building legally, but did not receive one.

There are approximately 2.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank, but only 18 building permits were given out last year, said



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Students gathered in front of the Killam. ••• Photo by Mat Wilush

Sarah Estrin Staff Contributor

As a long-term student, my memory reaches back quite a few years. I was trudging to work on Wednesday, after getting off a bus that stopped nowhere near my normal stop. While making the trek, I saw a loud little troop of students armed with red and black signs, and I had very vivid a flashback of witnessing the same scene three years previously.

There they were, disrupting traffic and stopping buses, delaying hardworking individuals and elderly folks on their way to medical appointments from getting where they needed to be. I am sure this disruption was part of the point of the demonstration, to force people to pay attention to our cause, or something along those lines. Let's be real here though — we all know that these sorts of antics don't make anyone more sympathetic to the student cause, right?

If you have any doubt, let me assure you, as part of the massive crowd of backlogged bus-riders, there wasn't any love in the air

where I was sitting. The protests never struck me as helpful to our cause when I first encountered them years ago, and they sure as hell don't now.

Don't get me wrong. I believe that education is a right, not a privilege. I believe that it should not be a "debt sentence". I believe that I have the right to an education that will contribute to the development of society. However, I am a realist, not an idealist. As a Political Science and Sociology student with friends residing in countries where education is free, I have a good grasp and understanding about education and the government, and so I don't support the Day of Action.

Here are my three main reasons why.

1. Most student loans come from two different sources: federal loans and the provincial loans that are paid out by your province of origin. This means that students who come from out of province — a huge percentage of the student population at Dal — do not receive Nova Scotia loans. It is odd then that we are making

converting loans to grants one of the key points of our protest at the provincial legislature.

2. The other half of our loans — the half that all Canadian students have access to — are administered by the federal government. Wouldn't we be better off petitioning the provincial government to create more jobs, while going after the Federal Government to convert loans to grants and commit to increasing transfers to help us get to cheap or even free secondary education? To me that makes a wee bit more sense.

3. With very few jobs available to students who graduate from Nova Scotian universities, and with fierce competition across the small province, chances are most out-of-province students (and many native Nova Scotians) aren't going to stay here. How much of an impact do you think that the demands of a largely transient population are going to have on a provincial government that doesn't expect us to contribute long term, and doesn't even expect most of us will be living

here by the time the next election rolls around? Why would the government give more grants or draw away precious funding from other projects to decrease tuition fees when most students won't likely be staying in the province to give back what they got?

A lot of us here in Canada have the idea that we should be getting free education because we are entitled to it. Perhaps we are, but it is a complicated matter that is going to require a lot more emphasis on policy development than protesting. The reason why some countries have free education is because their citizens pay incredibly high taxes, and those taxes give them that access to education, health faculties and more.

Maybe if the oil companies that get such great tax cuts started paying taxes to fund such progressive projects, then we may actually manage to achieve free education in our lifetime. There are plenty of discussions to be had—big national discussions about whether we value education in the same way that we value healthcare, for example. These are the

sorts of conversations that will probably be better served with rational dialogues, not by alienating people by blocking traffic and waving around signs.

To drag things back in to my original complaint though, unless you are from here and plan to continue to live in Nova Scotia and contribute to the economy, you probably shouldn't be protesting the provincial government over your tuition. Public disruptions really don't win much positive attention from the locals (the same locals who vote in the elections we always try to influence), and ultimately, as the saying goes, "there is no such thing as a free lunch."







# What is Love?

True love involves both sacrifice and reward.

John Hillman Opinions Editor

What is love?

(If you answered "baby don't hurt me / don't hurt me / no more", I'm not going to judge

Typically when we put together these "love and sex" issues, there's a tendency to focus on the sex and not the love. This is understandable — university is a time of sexual growth and discovery, the first time most people have to experiment outside the awkward confines of the family home.

I think there's another reason that we focus on sex though: most of us really don't have enough life experience to properly understand love.

Love is the big mystery rumbling at the back of every undergraduate's mind - this relationship I'm in, is it true love, or just a fling? Is she the one? Do I dare take him home to meet my par-

The thing is, love is defined by sacrifice, and if you're still inside the university bubble, odds are you haven't really experienced enough of life's adversity to properly understand it. Love isn't sacrifice in the sense of "I'd do anything my significant other asked of me" - that leads to spoiled partners and worryingly unbalanced power dynamics within relationships — but rather "I care enough about my partner's well being that I'd be willing to sacrifice my own

desires if it meant meeting my partner's genuine needs".

A perfect model of this definition of love is my grandfather Edgar, who passed away last week. The man was full of love. Not the sappy poetry and lute-playing kind of love but genuine compassion and fondness for his family. This was a man who never failed to deny his own interests when they came in contact with the needs of his loved ones.

Take his hockey career, for example. I don't want to bragokay, maybe I do, just a little—but my grandfather was a heck of a hockey player.

One day a few years ago, I was in the Nova Scotia Archives, looking up newspapers from the day after my dad was born, hoping to find his birth announcement.

I didn't end up finding the announcement, but when I opened the sports page, my jaw nearly hit the floor. The day's headline proclaimed that my grandfather had sealed the final game of the Maritime hockey championships with a performance for the ages — six goals and three assists, capping off a three-game series in which he totaled 17 points. His explanation for the outburst: his wife had asked him to score a hattrick in celebration of the birth of their first child, and he'd been so excited that he'd promised her two in the same game.

These games weren't isolated incidents either, and his talent drew the attention of NHL scouts. Not long after his thrilling championship performance, he had the

opportunity to play for the New York Rovers, the farm team for the New York Rangers. He quickly worked his way into the rotation of this new club, tallying 7 points in his first 8 games. He had a very real chance to take his talents to the next level. His excitement over his shot at the NHL wasn't about the financial benefits that

a painful choice, though. His wife was back home in Nova Scotia with their two infant children (born only a year apart), and the distance was taking its toll. He had to make a decision - stay in New York and pursue his personal dream of making the NHL, or return home to help carry the burden of raising his young fam-



Edgar Hillman, 1955.

we associate with professional sports today. The biggest star in the NHL at the time — Gordie Howe - made only \$25,000 per year. Rather, this opportunity was all about the chance to live out his dreams and play against the best players in the world.

My grandfather soon faced

He returned home. As he

did time and time again throughout his life, he chose the needs of his family over his own personal desires.

For those who haven't yet had the chance to make this kind of tough choice, it might seem terrible. What good is love if it gets in the way of your own fulfillment and happiness?

Take a step back though, and consider nature of such a sacrifice. Something that compels you to put others' needs above your own wants has to have its own inherent value, right?

My grandfather's sacrifices gave him back more happiness than a few fleeting seasons on big-league ice ever could have. He raised six children who went on to become amazingly kind, positive, loving people in their own right. They in turn raised seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild who gave him yet more reasons to glow with pride and filled his house with laughter and love. His choices paved the way for an inspiring, beautiful six-decade relationship with the love of his life. When he passed away, he was surrounded by all of the warmth and love that anyone could ever

Love is sacrifice, yes, but it is also a reward. Don't fear it, but don't try to rush it either. When it is real and you are tested, you will know.

Until then, rest assured that whenever someone poses you the question "what is love?" bobbing your head and singing the lyrics to the classic Haddaway dance tune remain a perfectly acceptable answer.

# Virtual Boys (and Girls)

The increasingly immersive future of romantic and sexual fantasies.



**Shannon Slade** Staff Contributor

**W**e've always used popular entertainment as a form of escapism. In a world that can often be both mundane and heartbreaking, escaping into the pages of a good book or the drama of the screen to experience heroism and greatness is natural. Of all the genres that have captured our thoughts and imaginations however, it seems there is nothing more appealing than escaping into a fictional world to experience that crazy little thing called love — or fucking, as the mood may demand.

These romantic forays vary depending on the person and the era; some people will get lost in a movie, others have hilariouslytitled romance novels (shoutout to The Bull Rider's Christmas Baby), but with the rise in technology over the last twenty years, there have been ever more escapist opportunities for those who seek them.

I'm an avid gamer, so that is the area where I've noticed the most changes. There has been a rise in romantic options for your character in video games; developers like Bioware (Dragon Age, Mass Effect) have made navigating the tricky politics of relationships an integral part of

their games. Personally, I love games that give you the choice to romance characters. It enhances the storytelling and deepens my connection to the game to let me have that freedom. I've played plenty of games that have simply given me a richer experience with the addition of romance (Mass Effect) but I've also played and adored visual novel games that are wholly focused on developing a romance (Sweet Fuse: At Your

While not everyone may be familiar with the extent to which romance has infiltrated video games, it's certainly no secret that technology and sex go hand in hand. From the earliest chat rooms to massive multi-user 3d worlds like Second Life or Red Light Center, those looking for emotional connections or random hookups online have access to them. For those looking for a solitary experience, there are even plenty of interactive sex simulations out there.

Like anything else in the world, such digital romance and eroticism has its share of consumers who take things too far and let their use turn to addiction. We've all heard stories of internet porn addictions, or people who neglect their real-world relationships while living alternative lives inside video game worlds. There have been growing concerns that such problems could get worse with the rise in virtual reality technology. Very soon, devices like the Oculus Rift will be available and by all accounts, they will offer an incredibly immersive experience. It's going to take everything digital to the next level of realism, and that is going to include the digital romances and sex games.

Outside of the Rift, we also have to tangle with the advancement of artificial intelligence. People are increasingly able to interact and develop relationships with AI that is getting smarter. Dating simulators on the Nintendo DS have emerged as a significant source of "serious" relationships in Japan, exchanging emails with their users, holding conversations through microphones, and even chastising players who miss dates. People fabricate photos with their "girlfriends", purchase cuddle pillows with the faces of the characters, and, in at least one instance, a man even held a ceremony with a priest to "marry" his girlfriend from one of these simulators. One can only imagine where this will go when the romantic interest jumps from a cellphonesized screen to fully immersive virtual reality.

I have read concerns about where these trends could lead and honestly, I'm not sure myself. I

have been in a healthy, loving relationship for a decade now. Games are a fantastic, fun hobby of mine but I know their place in my life. I am aware though that there is a segment of the population who don't have the same sort of grounding. There are those who take things too far, to the point where they almost seem to lose sight of reality, and that is troubling, I don't really blame games

Ultimately, we shouldn't be overly worried about such advances in technology. As with everything else, we need to look at people from an individual perspective. Most people will be fine. Some people may need support and perhaps even intervention, but that's not really much different from the situation we face now. Who knows, perhaps practice with increasingly lifelike virtual love interests will help teach some of the more awkward among us the basic social skills needed succeed in that most difficult of final boss challenges-a functioning relationship with a real live

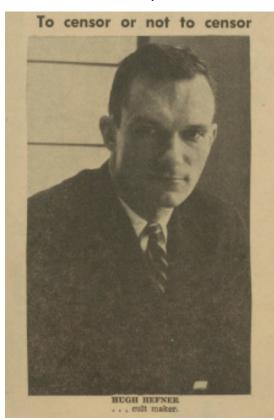
Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to go explain to my confused fiancé why my true love in Mass Effect is Garrus Vakarian, an avian alien space cop gone rogue.

## From the Archives **Scandalous Sexuality**

John Hillman Opinions Editor

THERE'S NO SCANDAL QUITE LIKE A SEX SCANDAL. THE FOLLOWING ARE BUT A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE MANY OCCASIONS WHEN SEXUAL IMPROPRIETY HAD THE GAZETTE POSITIVELY BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT.

> "The Uncommon Man" by Ray Shankman Volume 95, Issue 20 March 6, 1963



Playboy lives. Playboy is life. Its name connotes a searching for pleasure. There is little stability. But a stability lies in the search itself. It advocates freedom of speech and is, to a degree, wildly and sensuously free of "common man" conventions. It is the promoter, selling a new culture, a new way of life, of records, stereos, sportcars, book clubs, bunny clubs and haberdasheries. It succeeds in the big sale and in its frenzied, onanistic way. It introduces and guides the Playboy layman to the arts (Jazz, Modern Art, Drinking and

But the greatest virtue of Playboy is its controversy and its stimulation for the reader at more than one level of perception. It is, at once, superficial and deep, definitely subject to the varied interpretations of its readers.

Therefore, if it is not completely art, it certainly falls into some unmistakable aspects of it. We cannot close our eyes to the reality of Playboy; we cannot close our eyes to the reality of life. Sex exists! Women exist! The apple exists! We exist, and to sustain our existence we must, at least, be deluded by a positive, concrete view of this.

Playboy should be read, even by the "common" man, so that he may judge, passionately, or dispassionately, for himself, and not be unduly influenced by the narrow, all too common bigots who blush at nudity, all the while receiving a vicarious thrill that compels them to be conscious of their own guilt and sin. For they see nothing! And if it is read, if there is this uncensored freedom, there is hope for the common man. He will be goaded into life and die when his time is due, saying, as did Hemingway, "I have enjoyed living".

Editor's Note: Playboy is still available in Nova Scotia through Her Majesty's Royal Mail.

# "E-mail erotica triggers controversy" via Canadian University Press Volume 126, Issue 13 December 2, 1993

Protica-Animals, Erotica-Children, Erotica-Male, Erotica-Female, Erotica-Gay and Erotica-Bisexual are yours at the push of a button.

Press a few keys on the Internet computer network, and you are invited to look through this file area, Erotica. For some, it's a garden of delights. For others, it's a field ripe for the censor's blade.

Internet's ostensible function is to exchange academic and scientific information around the world. But it also includes files on almost anything imaginable, including the stuff that drives puritans mad.

"It's sex education of the worst kind for our kids," says Dolina Smith, president of Canadians for Decency, who demand the removal of erotic material from the Internet.

"I think we have a responsibility to the society."

With the growth of Internet, the ability to access such files has sparked a debate over the propriety of computer files. One question is whether the elimination of these files is a breech of freedom of speech and information.

"I think this freedom of speech thing has been carried far too far," argues Smith. "Our families are going down, all in the name of freedom of speech."

Internet proponents and civil libertarians would like to allow users access to all files without restriction.

A six-member University of British Columbia task force on the Appropriate Use of Information Technology last September looked into the pornographic contents of Internet.

"I don't think that it's a particular problem," says task force member Shirley Marcus. "If you don't like it you don't have to look at it."

"If you went to tum on your computer it wouldn't be sitting there," she adds, noting that users must actively search out such information.

And people are tapping in.

Boardwatch magazine ran a reader's poll of the best computer boards. Three of the top ten were "Explicit Adult" systems - including Pleasure Dome, based in Tidewater, Virginia.

Pleasure Dome offers electronic access to networks like ThrobNet, SwingNet, StudNet and KinkNet, according to a recent article in Time.

Internet is designed for the free flow of information, but another B.C. university has decided to restrict some content. "It is intended to be open to encourage people to do different things," says Worth Johnson, manager of network operations at Simon Fraser University. "The nature of Internet is to allow anything to go on."

SFU decided to exclude anything from their system that was not "scholarly," said Johnson.

Sam Scully, a University of Victoria vice-president, said Internet should be wide-open for the general transmission of information.

UVic supports the "general

right of access of any kind for academic research versus the collective right to protect people from offensive and repugnant things," he says.

There is no test to prove the academic merit of material on the system. If there was, it would likely entail much time to keep up with the rapid input and much controversy over its interpretations.

In Canada, there is a six per cent growth in the Internet system every month.

"There is no controlling what's getting trafficked," said Johnson. "Over the upcoming years will be a period of creating new processes and rules."

Internet is the "only working anarchy in the world," said Richard Pitt, system administrator for Wimsey, an electronic bulletin board based in Vancouver.

## "Girls Plan Wild Protest" - Reid Southwick - Volume 138, Issue 1 - September 8, 2005

If the Girls Gone Wild bus rolls into the Dal campus community in the coming weeks - as anticipated - it may be flogged by a mob of informed student protesters.

"They'll see girls gone wild, but it won't be as men-friendly as they would probably like," said Elizabeth McCormack, the coordinator of the Dal Women's Centre.

Mantra Films, the company notoriously known for featuring young women baring their breasts and performing sexual acts in its video series distributed worldwide, intends to finish the cross-Canada tour it started last winter, according to recent media reports.

Within days of learning the film crew, commonly referred to as "predators," earmarked Halifax in its tour schedule for late September, McCormack contacted Dalhousie Spokesperson Charles Crosby to communicate the Women's Centre's support for the university's opposition to the visit.

"I am prepared to make an awareness campaign, warning incoming freshmen/women about the evils of this group," she wrote in an email to Crosby dated Aug. 23. "We want to prepare a protest/block around the van when we can figure out what their plan is. Is there anyway we can help or work together?"

Crosby responded positively. "As a university, we are not going to go out and protest this company, but if the Women's Centre thinks there is some utility in it, then all the power to them," he said in an interview with the Gazette. "It certainly isn't something that we would discourage."

Mantra Films cancelled its stop in Thunder Bay, Ont., in early August following protests put on by local women's advocacy groups.

A few weeks after Dal announced its planned efforts to stop the crew from coming on campus, Mantra Films spokesperson Bill Horn left a message on the Gazette's voicemail stating that the company did not know for sure if it was coming to Nova Scotia.

But if it did, he said, it would definitely visit Halifax.

Many community members agree that the company likely does not want to provoke further controversy in any of its targeted stops by making any concrete statements.

In its weekly mass email sent to hundreds of non-profit social justice organizations in Nova Scotia, the Dal Women's Centre posted a warning of the Girls Gone Wild bus' suspected arrival in this city.

McCormack also moved quickly to gather materials for an on-campus poster campaign and the DSU's Society Fair, where students could learn about the potential threat Mantra Films poses.

Several lawsuits have been filed against Mantra Films CEO Joel Francis, and a few of his employees, by young girls who were filmed for his soft-porn videos. One of such lawsuits was filed by seven underage teenagers.

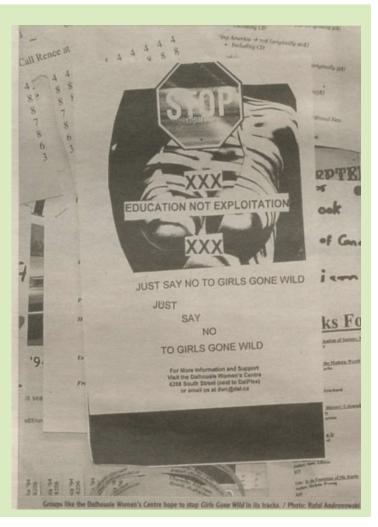
"The whole aim of the protest is to make people safe," said McCormack.

"We can encourage them to make decisions that are going to promote their wellbeing."

Dal's administration takes a similar position.

"For a girl to be preyed upon by an organization that might film her at her most vulnerable time, after she has had a few drinks, and turn that into a movie that they sell around the worldthat is a safety issue," said Crosby.

Dal Security Chief Sandy MacDonald played a key role in the university's decision to not allow the GGW bus on campus, and he also put security officials on alert, said Crosby. MacDonald himself, however, is away on leave until Sept. 17.



Old Heart by Amber Solberg



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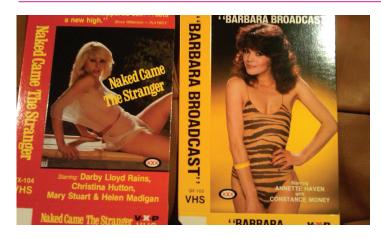




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# Watching Porn in the Good Old Days

### VHS Porn is Still a Delicacy for Some

Meagan Wiederman Staff Contributor

Pondness for the past, with its "simpler technologies," as Karmein Glemhas, who works at Treasures and Pleasures on Quinpool, puts it, can add a sense of timelessness to one's pornographic viewing experiences. Indeed, Treasures and Pleasures hosts a wall of vintage VHS porn in order to satisfy just this need for "proper old taped erotic scenes."

The market is niche, but the VHS porn industry is "not one that is difficult to get into" with the right equipment. Indeed, it is just one of many ways to spice things up – one which harkens back to a "retro vibe," says Glembas.

While the store has its share of VHS porn rental regulars, anyone can enjoy this retro format. It makes porn habits more of an experience, "like any movie rental service, Treasures and Pleasures aims to give [one] the Blockbuster treatment," says Glemhas. This makes getting porn an accomplishment, involving a proper trip to the store and interaction with the merchandise and cashier. The

payoff might be slight, but "the journey can be just as good as the destination."

On-demand Internet porn can seem rushed. Scenes on VHS format are more deliberate and slow. Additionally, the VHS format features "more static" allowing ones imagination to play a more active role. And for some the old black cartridge is a comfort, the stuff they grew up with.

While other stores have liquidated their VHS stock, Treasures and Pleasures looks to fulfil the needs of this niche market with their extensive VHS porn wall. It is refreshing to see the store serve smaller markets in this manner; this small service broadens the options available to youth looking to explore and calls a sense of "nostalgia" in the bedroom.

The store's collection, stretching over many genres and preferences, fills a requirement in the adult section that's fading with modern technology. Hopefully this blast from the past will continue to excite any who venture to the wall.

# The Hair Down There

Chatting about pubes with a human sexuality prof

**Mat Wilush** Arts Editor

Matt Numer teaches Dalhousie's popular human sexuality course, so he's no stranger to casual chats about the kinks and curves that make our sexuality so dynamic. And it really is a dynamic field – everybody exists as an entirely unique sexual being, each with their own characteristics and identities. One trait that all people share, however, is the presence of pubic hair.

It's this writer's opinion that pubes are a sort of sexual sign-post – they are subject to both the mainstream constructed sexual norms and a person's sexual autonomy. Pubes really say a lot about us as sexual beings. With this in mind, the *Gazette* called up Numer one morning to chat about pubic hair.

#### Gazette: So why do we see this transition from pubic hair being a norm to not?

Matt Numer: It depends on which sexuality you're talking about. Mainstream, heterosexual norms or other sexualities. As with many things that are eroticised in mainstream culture, media has a lot to do with this. You'd see a lot more pubic hair in the dominant culture around the 1970's. Since then, we've seen an emphasis on youth. It sort of shapes a culture which eroticises youth and beauty, especially for women. I don't think that men are expected to keep themselves

shaved, but trimmed. It isn't erotic for men to look pubescent, but it is for girls.

# (9): What kind of impact do you see this having on women who are affected by this?

MN: It's almost that women aren't allowed to age in our culture. You start to see a lot of makeup and things that we do to maintain a youthful appearance.

When you look at advertisements for women's products, they're all about youth and regeneration. The same thing doesn't really happen for men.

What's interesting is that we have this culture that eroticises these things, and then is quick to condemn somebody for being attracted to youth. We're doing all these things to eroticise youth, and then we're shocked that there are these people out there don't just want somebody shaved, but who has no hair. Although, that is definitely in the minority.

But it comes down to bodies in general. Men generally grow more hair than women. It isn't the same body, we can't forget about that.

# (2): In your studies, have you found anything as far as a causation for this shift in eroticisation?

MN: No, like with any cultural trend – you can't pin it down to any one thing.

Although, one positive outcome of this that people aren't

really aware of is that this trend of the Brazilian or trimming has nearly eradicated pubic lice. We hardly see cases of that anymore because they need that coarse hair which people don't have as much of anymore.

# (9): As an advocate of positive sexuality, do you see this trend as being positive or negative?

**MN:** Well, it depends. If it works for you, and you like what society deems as a sexual norm.

But when it doesn't fit, that's when you see people becoming the Other. But then there are also countercultures, people who are rejecting the norm, and so on. There are plenty of people out there who find hair attractive, it's just that it's typically more accepted among men.

There are always those who can reap the privileges of cultural trends. There are always going to be positions of powers and dominance. But what's important is if you don't fit in to the dominant sexual identity is being able to find your place.









# THE A-B-C'S OF S-E-X











Rosalie Fralick

nal Play: Lube up and use fingers first before trying for larger penetration. Also, nothing that touches your butt touches your vagina without being washed.

DSM: Discuss and practice active consent, have fun. Aftercare matters.

unnilingus: Don't forget about the clitoris, that's where most pleasure will be experienced for most female-bodied people.

irty Talk: Different words do different things for different people. Know what terms you both like. Some people like the word dick, others like cock - chat about it.

jaculation: Both male and female-bodied people can ejaculate. Some people call it gushing/squirting/jizzing/surging, whatever you call it, it can come in different volumes and consistencies, and also it's not

oreplay: It matters. It can extend the sexual experience and makes it more enjoyable for all parties involved.

-Spot: Two words - Come Hither. Make a motion like you're calling someone over to you with your fingers against the front of the vaginal wall, and enjoy the results.

and-Jobs: Don't forget it's not all about the penis or the vagina. Sometimes it's about the clitoris, the testicles, or the perineum (taint).

mpotence: It's perfectly normal not to be able to get it up sometimes and all parties involved should know that it's not an insult. A lot of factors like alcohol, drugs, and stress can contribute to this.

acking off: Getting yourself off is a great way to get to know yourself, to resolve sexual frustration, and to practice selfcare. Also, if you're trying to last longer, it might help to get yourself off earlier in the day.

issing: Sometimes kissing for the sake of kissing is fun. Don't feel pressured to make it keep going - intimacy doesn't have to have a goal other than mutual pleasure.

ibido: People have different sexual needs. Some people want sex multiple times a day, some never want sex, some only want it on special occasions, some want it with a partner, some want it with multiple partners, and some only like it alone. All of these things are perfectly OK and natural.

enstruation: Period sex is totally fine. Not everyone likes it, but female-bodied people are often more aroused on their period and sex can help with cramps. If you're worried about the mess, do it in the shower or lay down a towel.

ipples: Some female-bodied people find nipples erotic, others don't. The same goes for male-bodied people. Check in with your partner(s) to find out what they like.

ne Night Stand: They can be fun as long as everyone is clear on the situation ahead of time. If you don't want it to turn into anything make that clear. Wear a condom, make sure you're both consenting, and have fun.

rostate: The prostate is a small walnut-sized gland in male-bodied peoples' anuses that can be extremely erotic. It can be accessed via the anus with the same come-hither motion as the g-spot, or it can be stimulated through the perineum (taint).

ueefs: Queefing is totally normal. It happens when air gets trapped in the folds of the vagina and pushes out. It can be a result of certain sexual positions or even certain types of exercise. If it's causing a problem, just change positions.

imming: Using your mouth or tongue to stimulate someone's anus. This activity can be the goal of the sexual experience itself, or great foreplay for anal play with fingers, butt plugs, dildos, and penises.

TI: Remember that STIs can be asymptomatic so if you don't want to put your partner(s) at risk and you know that you engaged in an activity that put you at risk, go to a clinic and get an STI test.

esticles: Some male-bodied people find their testicles too sensitive for touching, or can only handle light touching. Others like a firmer touch. Talk about this with your partner(s) to find out what they like.

nderwear: Wearing hot underwear is a great way to feel good about yourself and sexy all day. But remember, cotton breathes better than satin or lace.

riginity: I cannot stress this enough: virginity is a madeup social construct that only matters as much as the importance

you place in it. Your body is your own and you shouldn't be "losing" anything the first time you have sex or any time after that.

Tet: Yes, it's a good sign if a female bodied person is wet but it doesn't necessarily indicate arousal. It can happen for a variety of reasons or it could even just be discharge. Still, always seek

-Rated: The watching or making of porn can be a great sexy activity to enjoy with your partner(s), just be sure that no one is being exploited and unrealistic expectations are not being perpetuated.

ves: one of many word you can enthusiastically say to indicate that you're enjoying yourself and consent to the activity. Others include but are not limited to "keep going, don't stop," or "I like

ie/Zir: Non-Binary Pronouns. Remember, not everyone uses the pronouns assigned to them at birth. Check in with your partner(s) and friends about the pronouns that fit them.

# **Anti-Cosmo Sex Tips**

The Gazette takes on Cosmopolitan for some REAL sex advice

Rosalie Fralick Arts Contributor

### Cosmo Sex Tip #1

If the sex is getting boring, don't have a serious conversation take action instead.

### Gazette Sex Tip Rebuttal #1

If the sex is getting boring, have a chat about maybe spicing it up a bit. You can do this in a lot of ways, like making a list of things you'd like to try, or else giving yourselves a challenge (like sex seven times, in seven days, in seven different places).

## Cosmo Sex Tip #2

corner facing the wall and not

### **Gazette Sex Tip** Rebuttal #2

When role-playing, discuss with is going to play what role. Discuss what you do and don't want

### Cosmo Sex Tip #3

Suggestions for light BDSM: Press a fork (firmly, but don't break the skin or anything) into different parts of his body - his butt cheeks, his pecks, and his

Get him to wrap your wrist and ankles in toilet paper for a lighter

### **Gazette Sex Tip** Rebuttal #3

If you think that seems hot, go for it. If not, consider other light BDSM options like using ice, tying up your hands, role-play, blindfolding, soft biting, etc. Just remember, it's all about what you and your partner(s) think you might like, and it's important to discuss beforehand and afterwards how you feel about certain activities.

### Cosmo Sex Tip #4

If the sex is too long or too short, keep in mind that sex lasting from 7 to 13 minutes is the most desirable.

### Gazette Sex Tip Rebuttal #4

Talk to your partner(s) about your needs. If you need your partner(s) to last a little longer, think about ways to incorporate foreplay first. If you wish they'd cum quicker find out what they like, or what works for them. goal-oriented activity - it's not always about the orgasm.

# And some just straight up better sex tips:

### Gazette Sex Tip #1

Know thyself. Yeah, that's right, I'm talking about masturbation. Guys do it. Girls do it. Non-Binary folk do it. It's all about learning what you like. Head into Venus Envy, chat with them about some toys you might want to try out (butt plugs, anal beads, vibrators, dildos, cock rings, flesh lights, all great options for alone and partner play) and start exploring. If you know what you like, you can share that with your partner(s) and I guarantee it'll make the sex better for you.

Make a want – will – won't list with your partner(s). In one column put things you really like, or would really like to try. In the next, things you're totally fine with doing if they're into it, and in the last, things that you just don't want to include in your sexual activities. Then, compare with your partner(s) and if you want, make a list of new activities to try together.

Discuss what you like in bed with your sexual partner(s). People assume certain areas are erogenous and others aren't but it varies a lot depending on the person. If him sucking on your nipples isn't doing it for you, let him know. If you want her to suck on your nipples, let her know. If you're really into having your inner arm touched, talk about that too. Everyone is different and knowing what your partner likes will make the sex infinitely better.

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# Most Eligible Tigers, 2015

Jessica Flower Sports Contributor

These aren't your average students. They're student-athletes. \*Swoon\*

Their game is just as strong off the court as it is on. They're ready to score. To take it the extra mile, if you will. Had enough sports puns/references yet? Yeah, us too.

For this year's edition of Dalhousie's Most Eligible Tigers, we got inside the heads of nine of the hottest single athletes in order to figure out what gets 'em fired up (or, in the case of socks in bed, not at all fired up in any way, shape or form.) Not only do they keep a stellar GPA and way more athletically blessed than most of us could ever hope to be, they're all

genuinely funny and super nice. Your average nightmare.

We've got something for everyone this year. Like beards and man buns? How about a wicked sense of humour? Hotties with bodies? Blondes or brunettes? Or both? Read on. So, to all the single Dal students out there this Valentine's day, this one's for you. You're welcome.

# **Kayte Kowal**

#### Cross-country Kinesiology

Best date: Last summer. It was a really nice day with clear skies, we went down to the marketplace. Then he let me drive his sports car. It was red and fast. I didn't ask questions about how he could afford it. Worst date: He took me to play pool at Oasis. It was pretty scary and smelt like smoke. I went to be polite. Love at first sight? It works for some people.

Most attractive feature you look for: Tall, confident and not too skinny.

Your best feature: I love my long legs in the summer. What meal would you could cook to impress a date? I make the

best waffles. My waffle iron was the best investment ever.

Celebrity crush: Tom Welling. Anyone with blue eyes.

Worst pickup line you've ever heard/used: "Why don't we go back to my place and test out the spring constant of my mattress?"

Favourite hookup song: Flashing Lights by Kanye West or Can't Hold Us by Macklemore.

Why date a long distance runner? Like the trails I run on, I like it rough.

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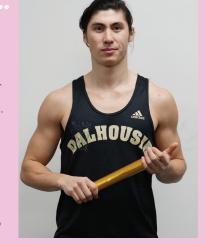
## **Adam Lewis**

#### Track Sprints Commerce

Best date: Bali this summer. Thank god for Tinder.
Matched with a fellow Canadian who was there as an au pair, and she was a goddess.
Had a couple drinks at the Potato Head Beach Club.

Worst date: There are no bad dates with Adam Lewis. **Deal breaker:** Doesn't like dogs. My dog in particular. Love at first sight? Yeah.

Most attractive feature you look for: There's just so many things ... nice smile and ambitious.



**Your best feature:** Cute dog. [Laughs]. Sense of humour... I do like my hair though.

What meal would you cook to impress a date? Something with meat to flush out the vegans.

Celebrity crush: Scarlett Johansson

Funniest pick up line you've heard/used: "If you were a fruit, you'd be a fine-apple." Or, "Hey girl, is that an inhaler in your pocket? Cause you got dat ass-ma."

Favourite hookup song: Good Morning by Kanye West or Feels Like The First Time by Foreigner ... but maybe that gives the wrong idea.

Hookup faux pas: Doesn't take me out for breakfast.

**Ideal first date:** Head to the farmers market for coffee and breakfast, then Split Crow for a beer bracelet, then surfing, then back to SC for power hour.

Why should someone date you: In the bedroom, I'm okay with coming second.

### **Scarlett Smith**

Soccer Nursing

Best date: At my cottage. We had a bonfire on the beach at

Deal breaker: Bad shoe game. Love at first sight? No ... well,

Most attractive feature you look for: Nice smile and a sense of humour.

Your best feature: Simple things make me happy.

What meal would you could cook to impress a date? BBQ ribs, probably just because I like

Celebrity crush: Tyler Seguin.

Favourite hookup song: Ride by SoMo. Hookup faux pas: Socks in bed.

Ideal first date: If we're gonna go big, a professional sports game and

Why should someone date you? I'll play around with balls, but I



### **Sean Dodds**

Basketball Kinesiology

Best date: Back home in Ottawa. On Canada Day, the city is really busy downtown so we walked around and then watched the fireworks at night.

Worst date: A few years ago we went to a carnival and she wanted to go on all the spinning rides. After the fifth ride I had to yak. I managed to hold it in but I was acting weird. **Deal breaker**: Cigarette smoker.

Love at first sight? Yeah.

Most attractive feature you look for: Nice legs.

Your best feature: Nice beard.

What meal would you cook to impress a date? I make a mean chicken parmesan.

Celebrity crush: Niykee Heaton - she's fire.

Favourite hookup song: Let's Get It On by Marvin Gaye. Why should someone date you? I can handle a double team.



## Glenn Lassaline

Volleyball Kinesiology

Best date: Glow-in-the-dark mini-putt.

Deal breaker: Airhead. Love at first sight? A strong, unequivocally yes.

Most attractive feature you look for: Eyes and thighs. Your best feature: I got noth-

What meal would you cook to impress a date? Eggs. Something with eggs in a breakfast

Celebrity crush: Jennifer Aniston, at any age.

Worst pickup line you've used: I tried, "I'm a varsity athlete." It didn't

Hookup faux pas: Doesn't love me the next morning.

Ideal first date: Skydiving.

Why someone should date you? I'm always looking to hit it ... like volleyball, right?



## **Doriana** Homerski

Soccer **Psychology** 

Best date: We were just hanging out outside on one of those nice summer nights, nothing fancy, but still good.

Deal breaker: Can't deal with my type of humour. **Love at first sight?** Yes — if there's a sparkle in his eye. Most attractive feature you look for: Funny, and nice shoulders

Your best feature: I'm a mix of Lady Gaga, Chelsea Han-

dler and Kristen Wiig.

What meal would you cook to impress a date? Nice juicy steak

Celebrity crush: Cristiano Ronaldo

Favourite hookup song: Crazy In Love remix from 50 Shades of

Ideal first date: Walking around aimlessly through the night, maybe to the waterfront, secretly hoping he'll buy me food. Why date a soccer player? I love smacking balls off my forehead.

## **Abby Czenze**

#### Volleyball Nursing

Best date: Cuba on spring break. Not an official date but we walked on the beach and drank a bunch. It was fun.

Worst date: We went for a walk around the city, but he didn't prepare me for how long we'd be outside and it was freezing. I had frozen fingers by the end

Deal breaker: No sense of

humour.

Love at first sight? Sure, some-

Most attractive feature you look for: Tall and driven. Your best feature: Thoughtful.

What meal would you cook to impress a date? French toast is my

Celebrity crush: Chris Hemsworth.

Worst pickup line you've ever heard/used: "If you were a helicase, I would let you unzip my genes."

Favourite hookup song: Talk Dirty To Me by Jason DeRulo.

Hookup faux pas: Hickies.

Ideal first date: Anything outdoors - something fun and light. Why should someone date you? As a setter, I'm really good with my





# JP Wellington

#### **Track Sprints** Kinesiology

Best date: Anything that involves the beach.

Worst date: We were going to a party and I got caught speeding. I still had an N on my licence midnight. So the cop followed us home. But she had to spend the night, so it worked out.

Deal breaker: Smoking, no sense of humour.

Love at first sight? Does Emilia Clarke count? Yes

Most attractive feature you look for: Hair.

Your best feature: Really easy-

What meal would you cook to impress a date? A pizza, but a healthy pizza. Everybody likes pizza but we're athletes so it has to be healthy.

Celebrity crush: Emilia Clarke.

Favourite hookup song: Alone - Heart.

Ideal first date: Coffee, then walk around the boardwalk and grab ice

Why should someone date you? I'm really good around curves.

## **Jarred Reid**

#### **Basketball** Management

Best date: Back in Ontario to Korean BBQ, where you have piles of meat and you cook it on the stove at the table. Stayed super late till like 3 or 4 a.m. I didn't have a car back then so I had to bus home for like three

Worst date: I went to a girl's house to hang out and the whole family was there. Ended up watching Family Feud with the family and had to leave after an hour. No call back.

Deal breaker: Needy/crazy. Love at first sight? Yeah.

Most attractive feature you look for: Confident and independent.

Your best feature: I think outside of the box

What meal would you cook to impress a date? Baked salmon with pan fried scallops

Celebrity crush: Sofia Vergara.

Worst pickup line you've heard/used: "Baby! Are your legs tired, cause you been running through my mind all day... come here girl.' Favourite hookup song: Anything by Boyz 2 Men.

Hookup faux pas: Socks in bed.

Ideal first date: A poetry club — try something new. I wouldn't perform myself, though.

Why should someone date you? Best part of my game is my D.









Photo by Ben Cousins

# Dal swim teams dominate **AUS championships**

AUS records smashed as Tigers route competition

Graeme Benjamin

Sports Editor

t didn't take much for the Tigers to swim to yet another consecutive AUS title.

The women's side ran away with it, totaling 466 points during the three-day tournament at the Dalplex. The next closest was the Acadia Axewomen with 212. The male Tigers, as well, won in impressive fashion, raking in 394 team points. Acadia once again was the next closet team with a modest 257.

The women were led by rookie Phoebe Lenderyou, who broke three different AUS records in the 50m backstroke, 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley. The previous butterfly record was set in 2002, while the individual medley record dated back to 1994.

Lenderyou totaled four individual gold over the weekend.

Dal's Rachel Shin found herself breaking a AUS record of her own in the 400m medley. Shin earned her second gold of the weekend in the event, beating the 21-year AUS record by four sec-

But Lenderyou and Shin weren't the only ones who made waves for the women's side over the weekend. Three other lady Tigers took home individual golds, including Paige Crow-ell in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke, Katie Webster in the 400m and 800m freestyle, and Lucy Macleod in the 50m free-

Though the men didn't see as many records broken as the women did, they still coasted to an impressive win. Dal's Gavin Dyke, Tony Liew, James Prophit and Kyle Watson all earned two individual gold medals each in their events.

The Tigers won all six relay events over the weekend, as well.

Acadia's Rebecca MacPherson was named the female swimmer of the meet for claiming gold in the 100m and 200m backstroke, while teammate Luc Bou-

dreau took home the male honour for making to the top of the podium in the 200m individual medley and the 100m and 200m breaststroke.

Memorial's Owen Daly walked away with the men's rookie of the meet, while MacPherson easily earned the honour on the women's side.

The Tigers' team win marks the 14th-straight title on the women and the 17th-straight for

Twenty-one Tigers will now prepare for the 2015 CIS Swimming Championships at the University Of Victoria from Feb. 19-21. The men's team currently sits sixth in the CIS rankings, while the women are ranked sev-

The results shouldn't have come as a surprise for the Tigers, as both teams have swept all three AUS meets this year.

# Women's hockey clinch playoff spot

Dominating 6-1 victory over X-Women results in team's first postseason birth in three years

Jake Tallon Staff Contributor

he Dalhousie women's hockey team has punched their ticket to the playoffs with a 6-1 rout over the first place St. FX X-Women. But it didn't come easy. On

Feb. 6, the Tigers faced off against their bitter rivals, the Saint Mary's Huskies. The back and forth game saw the Tigers down by two goals three times in the contest. They clawed their way back to a 5-5 tie midway through the third, but could not match the offensive output of the Huskies and fell 6-5.

Dal went down 2-0 quickly in the first period. Head coach Sean Fraser called an early timeout in an attempt to focus the team after Jennifer Thompson took a hard hit into the corner boards. On the ensuing man advantage, Victoria MacIntosh buried the rebound off Lisa MacLean's shot to cut the lead in half.

The teams went back and forth, trading goals throughout the second and third. A shorthanded breakaway goal by Saint Mary's forward Caitlyn Schell with 41 seconds remaining in the second frame put the Huskies up

A hat trick that included the game-winning goal by Saint Mary's rookie Mary Worndl was more than Dal could handle. Despite playing a strong offensive game, they dropped the crucial

"All we can do is put it behind us and do all the right things in preparation for tomorrow's game," said team captain Joleen MacInnis.

And that's exactly what they

The Tigers rolled over the CIS seventh-ranked and AUS best St. FX X-Women at the Halifax Forum the next day. It was the first time Dal beat St. FX in six

Marita Alfieri added two goals to her season total of eight, one of which came shorthanded midway through the second period. Morgen Kidney and MacIntosh both added power play goals of their own.

The Tigers also shut down all six of St. FX's power play attempts in the game.

Tigers' netminder Jessica Severeyns stopped all but one of the 39 shots she faced in the game. St. FX's Sarah Bujold beat Severeyns in the third to spoil her shutout bid.

But that was all the offense the X-Women could muster as the Tigers cruised to a much-needed victory.

The win guarantees the Tigers an appearance in the postseason - something MacInnis says the team is ecstatic about.

The Tigers will finish off the regular season Feb. 11 with a tilt against the last place Mount Allison Mounties. If Dal wins, they will face the fourth-ranked St. Thomas Tommies. If not, they'll take on the Huskies in a best-ofthree series.

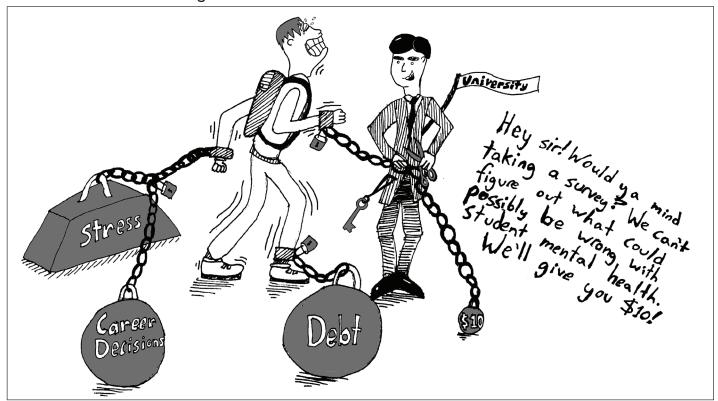
This article was written before the Tigers game against the Mount Allison Mounties on Feb. 11.



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