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ISJ DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

Welcome back!

SNOWEEK & January events

SNOWEEK: DAL 102
Monday, January 11
11 am – 3pm, Lemarchant Place

SNOWEEK: Holidays in the SUB
Tuesday, January 12
12 noon – 3 pm, SUB Lobby

SNOWEEK: Laser Tag
Wednesday, January 13
7 pm – 10 pm, McInnes Room

SNOWEEK: Busty and the Bass
Saturday, January 16th
9 pm, The Grawood, 19+
\$5 tickets adv | \$10 at the door

Winter Society & Volunteer Expo
Wednesday, January 20
11 am - 3 pm, SUB
Deadline to sign up for a table:
January 13
Grand opening of the Society Hub!
More info dsu.ca/expo

SNOWEEK: Craig Cardiff Live
2 pm – 4 pm Free Song Writing
Workshop with Craig Cardiff, SUB
Craig Cardiff Live at the T-Room
9 pm | \$5 | 19+

**Sexual Assault & Harassment Phone
Line Volunteer Training**
Saturday, January 23 and Sunday,
January 24 from 9 am - 5 pm, SUB
More info and sign up:
dsu.ca/phonelinevolunteer

SNOWEEK: Robbie Burns Day Ski Trip
Saturday, January 23, Ski Wentworth
Register at SUB info desk

**Free Coffee Mondays at Sexton
Campus**
Provided by the Loaded Ladle
Mondays from 8:30 am - 10:30 am
DSU Sexton Office

**Dal Lead! The Dalhousie Student
Leadership Conference**
Keynote speaker: Wab Kinew
Saturday, January 30
10 am - 6 pm, McInnes Room
Register online: dal.ca/dalead (\$10
registration fee)

SNOWEEK: Munroe Day Ski Trip
Saturday, February 5, Ski Wentworth
Register at SUB info desk

An open letter to the DSU's decision-makers: let's make our Union a more ethical one

A call for divestment and solidarity

STUDENTS AGAINST ISRAELI APARTHEID AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

January 2016

Esteemed executives and councillors of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU),

We at **Students Against Israeli Apartheid at Dalhousie University** (SAIA) are sending you this open letter to partake in a very important conversation currently happening in council. Since our movement's inception, SAIA has supported efforts within the student union and our larger community to promote social justice. While we organize our resources around solidarity with the Palestinian people, we have always allied ourselves with the oppressed and the marginalized.

The principles that we stand by became particularly relevant last March. That month, a resolution in council requested that the DSU's direct investments be reviewed for any financial links to human rights abuses, specifically those committed by the Israeli government towards Palestinians. This endeavour was one that we found very relevant to our movement's focus on ending human rights abuses in Palestine, and was something that we urged our members and allies to support.

We were dismayed to see that some councillors wanted to avoid the topic of Israeli human rights abuses in Palestine all together. Nevertheless, we were still glad that the culture of transparency and social responsibility was one that council eventually supported (and overwhelmingly so) when it passed the resolution with some adjustments. Indeed, to remain ignorant about where our money is invested and what it contributes to puts the student union at risk of undermining the values we all share. For that reason, knowing that the DSU is interested in reviewing its investments for financial links to human rights abuses—including those committed by the Israeli government towards Palestinians—was refreshing, and it is an achievement all DSU members can take pride in.

However, as the review that resulted from this resolution has shown, we still have a long way to go in bringing our investments to the standards that we, in the past, have established for ourselves. The report of the Investment Review Committee (IRC) noted that we are associated with businesses profiting from human rights abuses in several areas around the world. This includes financial links to the Israeli government's egregious behaviour towards Palestinians. These companies do not deserve our union's financial support precisely because they do not do their part to safeguard the dignity of human life. We trust that you, unlike them, will remember that it is never wise to put profits before people, nor is it moral.

Therefore, we at SAIA urge you to take the steps needed to rectify the problems noted in the IRC's report. This includes the following:

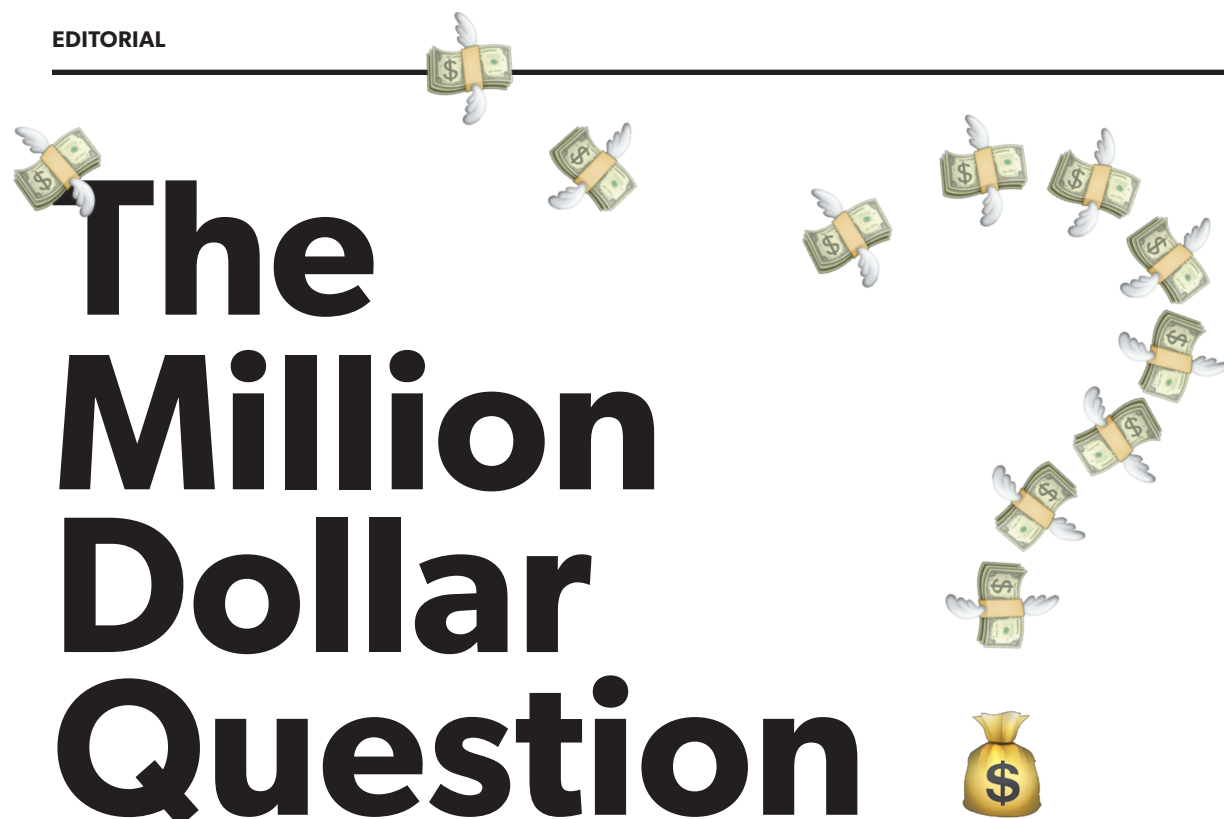
Disassociate our student union from the companies noted in the Investment Review Committee's report, particularly those that profit from human rights abuses in Palestine (like Caterpillar, General Mills, Toyota, and Teva Pharmaceuticals), by divesting from them.

Ensure that similar investments are avoided in the future by introducing appropriate preventive policies and creating the internal union structure to enforce them.

Create an atmosphere that accommodates student-led efforts for social justice and responsibility by endorsing the campaigns being fought in that endeavour, including the **Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions** campaign.

Do not be swayed by arguments of timing or financial prudence. They are simply irrelevant in this case, given how little this would affect our union financially. They also forget the most important fact of this conversation: there is no situation in which one should put a dollar value on human life and dignity.

Sincerely,
Students Against Israeli Apartheid at Dalhousie University



The Million Dollar Question

A departing editor's proposal for real change at Dalhousie

JESSE WARD, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As I prepare to transition out of the position of editor-in-chief of the *Dalhousie Gazette* after three semesters of managing Canada's longest-running student newspaper, I'm humbled and honoured to present the 35th, and final, issue of my editorship.

I will acknowledge this is a light edition, which only I could be claimed responsible for — but until our next regular issue on Jan. 22, I wish to leave our readers with an exciting, plausible, modest proposal for real change at Dalhousie.

Over the winter break, I asked myself: "With what I've learned in my three semesters as editor-in-chief, what would I recommend to future *Gazette* editors?"

"Always listen to your co-workers and volunteers, they make everything possible." "Talk to everyone you see on campus." "It's worth it to give up sleep for one year at age 21."

But these bits of advice are common knowledge, and to hear them only serves to enforce what we already know in our hearts — to keep us steady in what we know is true while we manage interpreting a deluge of contradictory information and thousands of manufactured images every day.

But while there is no new piece of advice under the sun, there are always new plans, so I started thinking harder: "Knowing what I know now, what would I recommend to any future editors of the *Gazette* to build the greatest student media network of all time?"

As a Dalhousie and King's student about to enter the job market after completing an undergraduate degree, I've read the *Inspiration and Impact: Dalhousie Strategic Direction 2014-18* report and the *OneNS, Now or Never: An Urgent Call to Action for Nova Scotians* report.

These reports, laying out plans for how Dalhousians and Nova Scotians should work together to increase the economic sustainability of our region, emphasize the importance of preparing our post-secondary students for the global job market —

but these reports also call for innovation in our young people.

So, combining everything I learned from these reports, and what I've experienced in my years as a Dalhousian, I've produced the following bold plan to **prepare the global job market for Dalhousie students**.

The *Dalhousie Gazette* currently receives most of its funding from a per-semester levy paid by all Dalhousie students — \$3.10 per semester per full-time student, and \$2.35 per semester per part-time student. Over the 2015/16 year, we're budgeted to receive \$113,237 from all students, and this makes it possible for us to operate.

If we could increase the amount we receive by only \$29.99 per part time and full time students over the fall and winter semesters, we would have an additional million dollars per year (approximately).

With this small levy increase, the *Gazette* could create more than a dozen new meaningful, sustainable jobs for Dalhousie students and become a global media network.

Receiving international recognition as the university with the world's biggest student newspaper, we would attract the most ambitious international and Canadian high school students with dreams of working in the media, making our university even more world-class. There are numerous more benefits which I lay out below.

This plan has never been attempted before, but only because no one has previously conceived and disseminated this idea.

Upcoming editors will decide whether to ask the million dollar question, and you, reader, may have the opportunity to answer it.

Thank you for reading.
Jesse Ward, BJH '16

PART ONE: Suggestions for what the Gazette could do with \$1,000,000

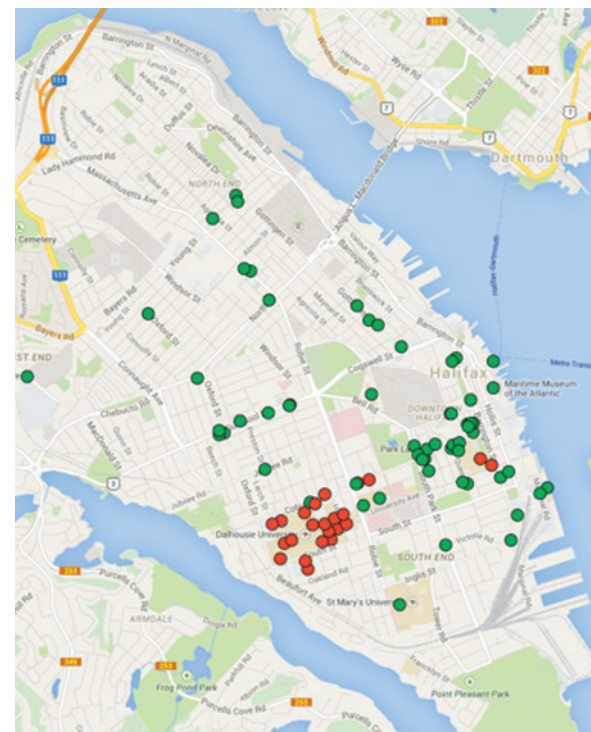
ENGAGE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Increase distribution across the HRM

In Dalhousie President Richard Florizone's 100 Days of listening campaign, Dalhousie's reputation repeatedly came up as an area of strategic prioritization.

"All reputation research participants identified a need for Dalhousie to be more porous—strengthening its relationships with its communities and creating an environment and culture of innovation," Florizone wrote in his 100 Days report.

With a little more funding, the *Gazette* could absolutely permeate the Halifax Regional Municipality with the voice of Dalhousie students. The print editions could increase distribution from just over 50 spots on Dal campus and downtown Halifax to thousands within the HRM.



Dots represent some of the guaranteed distribution points under this proposed distribution model.

Not a single businessperson, policymaker or politician could go to work without walking past our most recent issue's cover.

This will be a powerful, innovative way for Dalhousie students to strengthen our relationships with the local communities we serve.

ACTING GLOBALLY
How we'll become an international brand

Students who visited the Engage 2015 conference at Saint Mary's University this year were encouraged to develop "innovative, global-focussed businesses backed by world-class research and development resources that exist in Atlantic Canada."

But why should Dal students be prepared for the market when we can prepare the market for Dal students, by making the Dalhousie *Gazette* an internationally-recognized brand?

If the *Gazette* gets a million dollar levy, we could afford 1,000 copies printed in Bushwick, New York City each week and distributed to major gathering points. The *Gazette* would be the most obscure reading material in the cafes of this fashionable district, so the hipsters living there who are the future advertising agency CEOs of the world will eagerly read the paper each week and keep Dalhousie in their minds, winking at each other while going on about how it truly *would* help transparency if the agendas for Dal Senate were posted online more often.

Dalhousie could also be the only university proud enough to have copies of our student newspaper distributed to every single Canadian university campus, and every institution in the top 250 of the QS Top Universities list.

The *Gazette* could also expedite a copy each week to the offices of the *New Yorker*, *n+1*, *The Baffler*, *The New Inquiry*, *Bitch*, *Dissent*, *Grove/Atlantic*, *Adbusters*, *The New School Free Press*, *XXL*, *Le Monde*, *The Daily Caller*, *The Paris Review*, *Semiotext(e)*, *Maxim (India)*, *The Walrus*, *BUTT*, *Bluegrass Unlimited*, *Thrasher*, *Reason*, *Verso*, *Commentary*, *High Times*, *London Review of Books*, *Social Text*, *The Economist*, *Utne*, *The Village Voice*, *VICE Poland*, and *Saltsapes* every week.

As media workers ourselves, we realize the editors at these prominent global publications are daily bombarded by press releases, media requests and copies of other publications, but we will employ an innovative solution to ensure our envelopes are eagerly ripped open and perused each week.

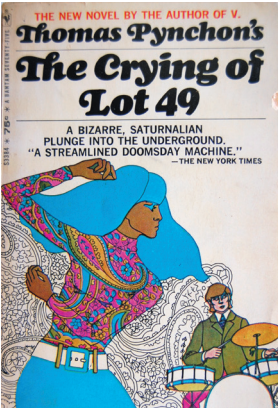
Brands are increasingly learning to associate themselves through having their messages promoted by the stars and celebrities with whom consumers trust. The *Gazette* could gain brand recognition and status among worldwide thought leaders by mailing out print issues each week under the identity of Thomas Pynchon.

National Book Award winner and *Gravity's Rainbow* writer Thomas Pynchon is one of the most legendary authors of all time, with his postmodern epics presciently parodizing the paradoxes of each decade since his debut novel, *V.*, in 1963.

Adding to Pynchon's prestige as a cultural icon is his recluse status. Few photos of Pynchon are known to the public and when he was awarded the National Book Award in 1974 he declined to attend the ceremony, famously sending a comedian in his place.

To weekly receive an envelope from "The Dalhousie *Gazette*" would likely be of little interest to any editors who aren't Dal alumni, while to receive an unsolicited submission from the 78-year-old press-shy Pynchon is every editor's dream.

So instead of sending these envelopes under any honest names, *Gazette* editors should use a stamp with Thomas Pynchon's name and their office's address. They should include a note in the envelope saying, "Read this. - T".



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what to write about.

And if the *Gazette* is sued by anyone representing Thomas Pynchon for any charges related to sending mail under his identity, then it will be first to have exclusive Thomas Pynchon content to publish, something other publications will notice and envy.

All in all, this will successfully meet the goal 4.2 of Dal's Strategic Plan, by strengthening "the recognition for our academic excellence and reputation at national and international levels."

YEARLONG PUBLISHING

After the winter of 2014 brought heavy media scrutiny to events in Dalhousie's faculty of dentistry, hundreds of news stories were produced by Canadian publications about the summer 2015 release of Dalhousie's Restorative Justice Report and the external Backhouse report on the faculty of dentistry. But there were few reports directly from the ground - no student publication covered these important stories, because summer is when student journalists compete with each other at unpaid internships.

There are currently about 28 weeks of the year where most student publications remain inactive - but if the *Gazette* had an extra million dollars it could print every Friday of the year, increasing from 24 to 52 issues a year. This means more student jobs, more informed students, and a community constantly engaged with Dalhousie students.

SHOW THE VALUE OF STUDENTS' LABOUR

Students need to be given meaningful, stable work to build identities and a sense of solidarity with their community, but there are so few opportunities for this sort of work.

Solution: by paying the *Gazette* staff salaries between \$25,000-\$27,500, Dal students could show the results of what happens when entrepreneurial, creative minds earn a living wage for even just one year.

The *Gazette* could also hire paid beat reporters to ensure strong, reliable coverage of the areas not being covered by other media - summaries of every Dalhousie Board of Governors, Senate, and Dalhousie Student Union council meeting, and their work behind the scenes, will be produced by students who've studied every meeting from the last five years.

Many editors will recognize Pynchon as the author of 1966's *The Crying of Lot 49*, a paranoid romp following a woman named Oedipa Maas' unravelling of a centuries-long conspiracy surrounding the U.S. postal service. These editors will scour each issue for clues that they are participating in some kind of alternative reality game leading to a release notice for Pynchon's next novel, and in the process, they will read great stories that will keep Dalhousie on their mind when deciding

Additionally, Dalhousie is a hugely international school. While editorial priorities and tastes of the *Gazette* shift from year to year, the newspaper needs to ensure each issue reflects the diverse voices, beliefs and concerns of the Dalhousie community.

Editors should hold a public call for input on what student-produced columns Dalhousie students would like to see paid for - these could be for international students' issues, mature student's issues, sustainability, poverty, labour, accessibility, and more.

The *Gazette* could also pay contributors at a starting rate of \$20 for each piece of original content published with an annual contributors' budget of \$50,000.

HIRE A TENURED PROFESSOR

Universities all across Canada are cutting tenured faculty while hiring part-time contract professors to teach courses, especially entry-level courses with higher enrolment.

Contract workers make little compared to tenured faculty and have no pension, no benefits, and no job security.

The *Chronicle Herald* reported last month that Phil Bennett, vice-president of CUPE Local 3912 at Saint Mary's University, says courses taught at SMU are " 'profit centres for the universities' because more money is brought in from tuition and government transfers than is paid out as an instructor's salary."

To acknowledge the benefits of employing tenured faculty members, the *Gazette* could create a "tenure-track position" for a "professor of journalism" and hire a recently-dismissed Canadian journalist to teach weekly free courses on the basic elements of journalism.

ENDORSE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Melt the delivery car

The *Gazette* would surely love to divest its budget of fossil fuels as much as possible, to reflect Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council's near-unanimous vote in 2014 and subsequent action to divest the DSU's budget of fossil fuels.

So what if the *Gazette* replaced its delivery car with a fleet of custom-designed cargo bicycles?

Imagine - every Friday morning, a fleet of a dozen bicycles with *Gazette*-branded wagons zooming across the HRM, leaving fresh copies on the doorsteps of dozens of new delivery locations.

While emphasizing a commitment to a sustainable future and showing this model is possible for any newspaper, the *Gazette* could create 12 new Gazette Biker part-time jobs.

Students graduating from Dalhousie reach a wide range of careers, and editors should understand dozens of students signed a petition suggesting Dalhousie not divest from fossil fuels in November 2014. To reflect this understanding, editors should not completely ram this particular goal through without a referendum.

So, before going ahead with the final part of this step, editors should hold a poll on the *Gazette* Facebook page to see whether readers would like to have them melt the frame of the paper's old delivery car and pay a NSCAD student to shape it into a Divest Dal statue.

The *Huffington Post* will probably write a story about this, leading to instant exposure for Dalhousie's commitment to sustainability.

RETAIN TOP TALENT AT DALHOUSIE

Send monthly \$100 cheques to former Dalhousie president Tom Traves

Though former Dalhousie president Tom Traves retired in 2013, he was paid \$457,521 in 2014 as part of an “administrative leave provision” in his contract, and is being paid similar amounts this year and next year. He only has to work two days a month to collect this salary.

If university administration decided to pay a former president this much for two days of work a month while students are always paying more in tuition, we are sure this administrative leave provision is very necessary, so it seems cruel that this pay will end so soon, and Dal students must continue this practice in some semblance to attract and retain the best talent considering top executive positions in the university.

So, the *Gazette* should send Traves a \$100 cheque in the mail on the first of every month for “extra administrative leave provision” for the next decade. Editors should proactively update the student body every month on whether the last cheque was cashed or not — if they aren’t cashed, editors should cancel the cheques and have monthly \$100 raffles over Twitter.

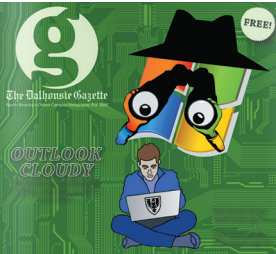
ENCOURAGE SAFE LIFESTYLES AND AWARENESS OF GLOBAL POLITICS

We’ll install an anonymous browser on every contributor’s computer

A few decades ago, Dalhousie students heard the word “prism” and might have thought of the rock band from Vancouver of the cover of *Dark Side of the Moon*. Today, instead of attending midnight *The Wizard of Oz* showings, students wonder whether the late-night texts they send out are getting seen by not only their loyal partners but also by agents of the U.S. National Security Agency’s PRISM mass surveillance system.

In this digital age, it’s tough to maintain the kind of privacy necessary to keep a free-thinking perspective conducive to academic bravery.

So if the *Gazette*’s levy proposal goes through, editors should hire external experts on information security to train



The *Gazette* analyzed information security at Dalhousie in September 2013

each and every of our volunteers in state-of-the-art encryption techniques.

The *Gazette* could host an annual guided book club reading of Glenn Greenwald’s *No Place To Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State*, and no one will leave our office for an assignment without an encrypted PGP key and a copy of the TOR anonymous browser on their laptop.

Editors could also purchase analog cassette recorders and tapes to use and lend for sensitive interviews.

PART TWO:
How the *Gazette* could get \$1,000,000, and why to take this seriously

IN THE FACE OF IMPENDING TUITION INCREASES, YOU’LL TRULY GET WHAT YOU’RE PAYING FOR

Tuition continues to increase at an alarming rate each year at Nova Scotian universities.

This October, the University of King’s College Board of Governors voted in favour of reserving the right to increase tuition for the Foundation Year Program by \$500 per year for two years, beginning in 2017. Currently, the foundation year, with no elective, costs \$7,233.

In November, NSCAD’s Board of Governors voted to increase tuition by approximately 27 per cent over three years for students taking five classes or more per semester — an increase of between 7.7 per cent and 9.1 per cent for three years, beginning September 2016.

NSCAD will also increase the tuition fee for graduate studies by 30 per cent to \$8,270 per year.¹



And last month, Mount St. Vincent University’s Board of Governors voted to approve an increase of approximately 3.5 per cent to all undergrad tuitions, about an extra \$210 over a full-time year.

While students held protests against each of these increases, we can expect all Nova Scotian universities to propose increases in tuition, but to what ends?

Dalhousie’s assets were approximately \$1.64 billion in March 2014, with an increase of \$81 million since 2012–13. Yet Dalhousie engineering students are expecting to see tuition hikes this winter, while many of them still attend classes in a movie theatre.

Will next year’s NSCAD students taking five or more classes per semester see a 30 per cent increase in value for the 30 per cent higher tuition they will pay?

The answer is no. But if the *Gazette* successfully pleads for a levy increase of \$29.99 per fall and winter semesters per student, that will be an annual fee increase of \$59.98 per student.

Tuition at Dal varies under different factors, but according to Dal.ca, the average Dalhousie Bachelor of Arts undergraduate student pays \$8,037 per year for tuition and incidental fees.

The amount the *Gazette* would ask from Bachelor of Arts undergraduates is 0.74 per cent of their annual tuition — and it could be guaranteed their student experience will be more than 0.74 per cent better when they attend a university with the world’s most incredible student newspaper.

YOU COULD SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG-TERM

When the *Gazette* publishes a new issue every week and constantly has beat reporters watching every move by university administration, it will be the first to discover and follow the decisions that lead to possible future tuition increases.

This means students will have more of a chance than they’ve ever had to voice any possible disagreement with and organize against future fee hikes — this is an annual payment of \$59.98 that could save your Dal-attending children thousands.

THIS IS ACTUALLY POSSIBLE

Do you think it sounds like this plan couldn’t happen? Well, think of the other journalistic firsts from Halifax.

There’s the first Canadian newspaper, the *Halifax Gazette* (est. 1752).

Think of Joe Howe’s libel defense that brought freedom of the press to Canada in 1835.

The *Daily News* was the first online Canadian newspaper in 1994, and the University of King’s College was first in Canada to offer a course in online journalism.

And in two years, the *Gazette* will be the first Canadian student newspaper to publish for 150 consecutive years.

There are no limits in Dalhousie’s or the DSU’s governing documents to how much a student society may request for a levy in a referendum vote, so it’s entirely possible for the *Gazette* to put a million-dollar question on the ballot this March.

Students with a Canada Student Loan are graduating with an average of more than \$28,000 in debt, according to the Canadian Federation of Students² — when most students are finding themselves in debt, how much more is \$200 going to hurt?

If you consider this plan, and think it’s absurd, think of how everything laid out here is completely possible for \$1,000,000. Consider what an impact a million-dollar increase to the *Gazette* would have on student life at Dalhousie — and consider how tuition is only scheduled to increase at a much greater rate, with minimal returns for your average student.

After you’ve considered these things, ask yourself: “Do I support the *Gazette* getting a million dollars and promising to follow through with everything proposed here?”

If you say yes to the million dollar question, please talk to the incoming editor-in-chief about how you can help by emailing editor@dalgazette.com.

And if you want to say no to the million dollar question, then ask yourself: “Do I *also* support Nova Scotian universities drastically ramping up tuition every year by “more” than 0.79 per cent per student, without explaining to students why this is absolutely necessary, and without providing itemized lists of what they are doing with this money to improve students’ lives and future opportunities?”

If you say no to that question, I’d suggest to you that a global student media empire based out of Dalhousie would be just the thing to investigate and publicize these fee hikes you disagree with.

And if you say yes to *that* question about supporting tuition increases, please reach out to me at ward.m.jesse@gmail.com, I am about to graduate and am interested in applying for a position at that think-tank you know the person at.

ENDNOTES
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Ferry Trade Practices

An interview with Captain Miguel Romagnano of Halifax Transit

WILLIAM CONEY

With the always uncertain Halifax weather and the ongoing “Big Lift” project (@BigLiftHFX) happening on the MacDonald bridge, winter seems as though it would make the prospects of getting in and out of Dartmouth not enviable. But this is ignoring the most regular presence in Halifax Harbour: the Halifax-Alderney-Woodstock. The Dalhousie Gazette sat down with one of the intrepid captains of the service, Miguel Romagnano, to talk about what the service is like from the ferry’s bridge. Here are some excerpts from that interview:

William Coney: How did you end up from Argentina to here, in Halifax?

Captain Miguel Romagnano: I was on the tall ship Libertdad, and we were around 360 people. [It was] a training vessel, and in that particular year its voyage was delayed because of mid-life renovations on the boat. We stopped in Halifax and this lady went to visit the boat, and I was on watch at around nine, ten-ish. And I was in a rush, I wanted to go to sleep, so I did a round and boom! I banged into her by accident, and I felt really bad. That’s how we met, and that’s now my wife.

WC: Hahaha.

CMR: That’s the story, I’ve a picture of it. That’s why I’m here. I came here in 2010, and I’ve spent five years here in the country.

WC: What happens up here in the bridge of the ferry?

CMR: Well, to give you a little information. This ferry is the oldest ferry in North America, and the second oldest in the world — the oldest is in Liverpool. [Halifax] is the second biggest ice free harbour in the world, second to Sydney. We’re carrying around 3,000 passengers a day, except during special events, like New Year’s or Canada Day.

This boat has the capacity with the right crew members to carry 395 people. If something goes wrong, we’ve got to respond. On a regular basis, we have crowd control, firefighting and other emergency training to prepare us, to make us ready for if something should occur.

In our drills, we could recover a man from the water in less than five minutes at the most, but three minutes generally.

We start at about six in the morning, we finish around midnight; 18 hours of continuous service with our 37 crew members throughout the day.

On some of the occurrences he had in his time on the ferries

CMR: It happened to me once. I was an engineer — I started here as an engineer — and I was in Woodside, and a woman fainted. And so I needed to think, to get into a responder moment. I asked her, “Are you okay?” And I get out my gloves and I try to perform the first aid. Then you get to test up your knowledge, and what you trained for, and see your experience carry out.

On the presence of the Big Lift project on the MacDonald bridge, and future developments in the ferry

WC: So, speaking of recent events, we’ve the bridge undergoing repair and renovations at the moment. How have you found that to be influencing things on the ferry?

CMR: We’ve been preparing for it, increasing the service. Before, we had a rush hour boat which ran from 1:15 to 6:15 — now the service keeps going — a 15 minute service until after midnight. We’ve expanded the service, and the ridership has been increasing. The most important thing is to encourage people to take the ferry.

They are talking about expanding the service, getting a terminal out in Bedford. A couple years ago, they did a study from the city to see if it was feasible or not.

On navigating the Halifax Harbour throughout the year

CMR: On Canada Day, it’s when we get the most traffic around — they all want to see the fireworks. We’re talking probably 400 little boats around, and we have to navigate through them. You really need to keep an eye on them because they aren’t really paying attention to what’s going on. Some of them do, but some are jerking around, caught up in the fireworks. But overall, we’ve not had any reported collisions with the ferry. We’ve had some close quarters, but that’s mostly from misunderstandings.

The Ferry service, as it does throughout most of the year, operates directly from the Halifax Downtown from 6:45 a.m. onward, operating in most every weather which Halifax can throw at it. A ride is already paid for under your student UPass, or is \$2.50.



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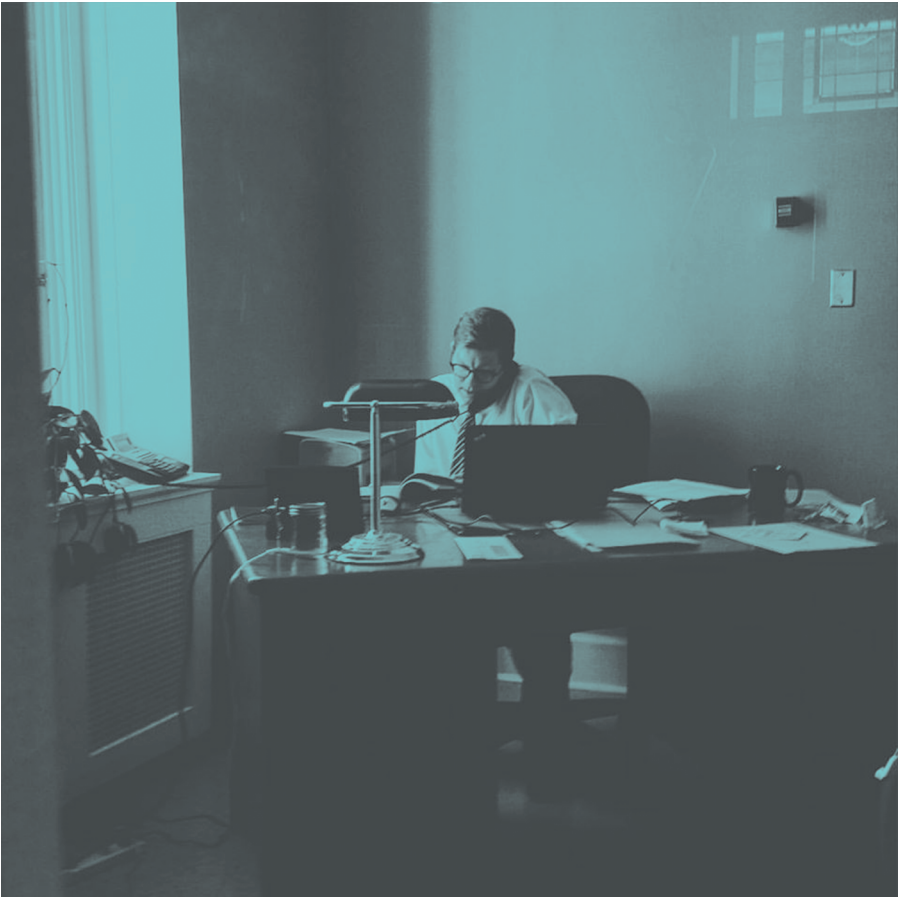
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From the Archives

Past Prognostications

JOHN HILLMAN, OPINIONS EDITOR

Here at the *Gazette*, we’ve made more than a few attempts to peer into the crystal ball over the past century and a half. From the anticipated proliferation of portable reading microscopes to the expected establishment of moon-based baseball teams, let’s take a moment to sober our current hopes for the future by looking back at some of our previous predictions.



“Scientific Items” – Volume 4, Issue 8 – February 24, 1872

The exigencies of the Parisian siege have brought prominently before us the use of micro-photography. A writer in the British Journal of Photography predicts that we will soon have our daily paper handed to us the size of a postage stamp, and carry our favorite poets in our vest buttons. We will see “a new edition of Macaulay complete in three shirt studs,” or “ the city edition of Dickens “ complete in two sleeve-buttons. Every one will then carry a microscope as we do now a penknife.

“Recent Developments in Physical Science” – Volume 39, Issue 2 –November 22, 1906

The practical value of these wonderful discoveries it is yet too soon to measure. It was hoped that bacteria and diseased tissue, as in cancer, could be curatively treated by the bombardment of the hail of these little fragments of matter, but the result of trials is not entirely favorable. We can not turn copper into gold, nor lead into silver, and there is no demand for helium when radium does turn into it. But we are only in the very infancy of the subject, and who dares predict that the study of radioactivity will not lead to important changes of some mode of living and activity.

“Grandchildren Assured of Future” Volume 62, Issue 15 – January 28, 1930

The cradles of the future were rocked by the gusts of humour and pathos, by the cold blighting winds of pessimism and the warm breezes of optimism, by the expressions of sympathy and pity that swayed Dalhousians at the Munro Room Wed. Jan. 22, when Gladys Farquarson and Johnnie Denoon (negative) wrested from Marie Fergusson and Ralph S. Morton (affirmative) the decision in their now famous debate: “Should we pity our grandchildren.” And thus Dalhousie goes on record as holding out a ray

of faith, hope and sunshine to coming generations. Fearful mothers need no longer be fearful. A bright future is now assured our grandchildren. Sodales has decided.

Marie Fergusson: The modern age is one of Science, Industrial revolution inventions, labour-saving devices. Lack of work leads to lowering of physical standard which leads to moral degeneration, which if continued—what puny, miserable grandchildren we will have. The death rate is already increasing. Radium eats away the bodies of workers. Today there is a lust for science, which is detrimental to man.

Marriage – in olden days when a couple married they lived happily ever after. Today however, we are over-shadowed by divorce. We will gradually revert to Nomad custom or sheiks and harems. Church going is dying away; we go to church because it is fashionable. Wealth is fast becoming our God.

Pity our grandchildren? Certainly!
Gladys Farquarson for the negative: Our grandchildren are to be envied because of the many wonderful things they will have to live for.

History shows that an average of sorrow and joys have been maintained in every generation. Our grandparent’s generation was famous for chastity. *They* didn’t drink. Girls today may smoke and drink and neck but they are independent and frank. The law of compensation is at work.

Emotional life may be confused yet we are intellectually superior.

It is impossible to pity something which does not exist. Pity and sympathy are distinguishable. We may sympathize with our grandchildren because they will have to live their lives as we live ours with our little pleasures and pains.

Ralph Morton for affirmative : “You may not agree with me tonight. You may not agree with me tomorrow but 60 years from now you’ll have to say Kelly Morton was right after all. When you will be grandparents you will sit in your rocker and shake your head pityingly at your grandchildren, as our grandparents do today.

(...)
As time goes on man will become more and more like a machine: A machine made man — without character.

We’ll soon have synthetic babies. I don’t approve of the methods of the future.

In gay nineties if our intoxicated parent was driving home in his buggy the horse could take him home, out today the automobile will run him into ruin; his grandchildren will be driving intoxicatedly in an airplane, just think!

When I think of the pictures produced by Gauvin, the pictures of those of us here our grandchildren will have to gaze upon—I pity our grandchildren.”

“Pros and Cons” – Dave Janigan
Volume 82, Issue 23 – January 24, 1950

There are some abilities that just can’t pass out of the picture into oblivion. In 2000 A.D., Joe Louis will still be contemplating retirement; Ozark Ike will patrol left field for the Bugs, and Ron Caldwell will still be having binding trouble with the Pharos.

(...)
If jets and rockets reach the moon and other planets, naturally there will be infiltration of worldly habits into the solar system. In fact it wouldn’t be too far fetched to imagine a baseball team from the moon to be incorporated into the National League...if the above team for the moon ever formulated, can’t you see the headlines now—quote, “Dodgers racing with the moon of pennant”. Night baseball will be popular on the moon with natural lighting—moonshine.

(...)
After I had read the column of the sportswriter who discussed in it the future trend of sports in the year 2000, the opportunity to predict has sufficiently enticed me to fill this space with it...most sports lovers like to think of the future of sports as an era of the ultra-modern man who will display great stamina and endurance; and as an era of jet assisted games featuring great speed and skills. If man will be of great endurance new records for distance runs will be established. If games are to be kept up by jets thus giving breakneck speeds to the sports then perhaps medical science will perfect detachable eyeballs to follow such games.

“Business, Education, Brought Together”
Volume 101, Issue 7 – October 3, 1968

More than 10,000 representatives from all sections of the educational field registered for the Atlantic Education Showplace and International Conference on Communications Media held at the Halifax Forum complex, September 26, 27 and 28, 1968.

(...)

The International Conference on Communication Media was sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and was attended by 1,100 delegates from the Atlantic provinces and eastern New England states. Addressing the conference were outstanding educational authorities from the United States, Europe and Canada. After the addresses educators were able to get a preview of the 21st century in education through a large display by 150 exhibitors.

The main purpose of the conference and Showplace was to educate teachers in the application of communications media in the modern school room. Education has reached a new horizon in this electronic age. Television, videotape recording equipment, electronic visual blackboards and other audiovisual media are fast becoming a necessary part of the standard equipment in the classroom.

An example is the “magic” chair shown in the picture. It can be used by a student who has missed a lecture. He simply sits in the chair, dials his lecture which has been recorded on videotape, and listens. The lecture can be heard only by sitting in the chair.

Sound absurd? 1570 are being installed in two universities soon.



“The Moon, And Me” – Stephen R. Mills
Volume 102, Issue 12 – November 28, 1969

Lately, when people ask me what I think of Apollo XII or why I am not at home with my eyeballs glued to the TV screen, I reply; “If you’ve seen one moon trip, you’ve seen them all.” Most of the people who hear this laugh nervously, not quite sure if I am serious. Let me assure those people that I am quite serious.

Let’s face it; the Moon is dead and any telecasts from the moon after the first one, are going to be dead. The next interesting and significant telecasts from outer space will come either from Mars or from an Earth orbiting space station. Hopefully, they will be Russian. Now that the much publicised space race is won, it will be interesting to see who wins the space-media race by coming up with the best telecasts.

For those interested in dates, I’d say the first telecasts from Mars will be in about twelve years. (This is, of course, if the present rate of progress continues. If it doesn’t, we’ll probably see men walking on the Red Planet in eight years.)



“The Computerization of Canadian Universities”
Ian Wiseman – Volume 104, Issue 22 – March 17, 1972

Winston Windermill (IBM number 108-284-801), honors biochemistry student, is cramming for his undergraduate examinations. He has chosen to write his exams in mid-June in order to have a leisurely summer, and has only 45 days left to prepare.

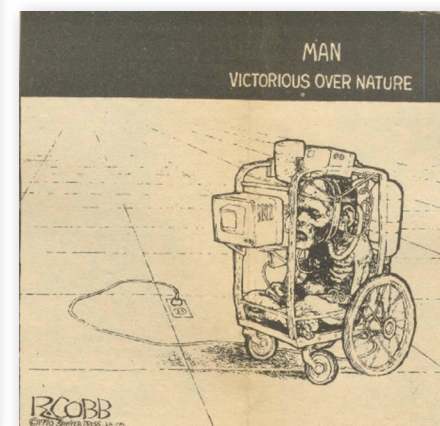
His friend, Harlequin Tilbnaster (IBM 159-482-951), is preparing for his finals, too, so they meet on the way to school and chatter about hockey statistics. Harlequin, in the same academic course as Winston, has decided to write his exams in early July.

Building 47, like most other buildings at Every University, is a highrise, glass and steel, somewhat sterile-looking. Inside, the elevator, with uncomfortable acceleration, whisks our heroes to the eighth storey of the library, a floor similar to every other floor. Winston and Harlequin walk to a cubicle, shut the sound proof door, sit down next to a computer terminal and dial the central data bank of biochemical information, located in far-away Ottawa.

For the next three hours the pair carry on a dialogue with computers across the country—learning, criticizing, perfecting, watching film clips on the TV monitor, typing questions and responses into the machine, hearing audio snippets from medical speeches, discussing findings with each other and collecting reams of printed data which they take home with them and study.

Just an average day at the university really...

Science fiction? Only in the sense that it hasn’t happened yet. The computer, and the incredible potential of computers, has already begun to revolutionize universities and the learning process. In a very short time most of the basic parts of the traditional educational institute—the library, classroom, professors, and administrators—will disappear from our universities or at best play a supplementary role to computer-assisted learning.



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Volume 90, Issue 4 – October 30, 1957; Volume 101, Issue 7 – October 3, 1968;
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Oil and Stability

How the West's thirst for fossil fuels fuels terrorism

OLIVIER CHAGNON

The decline of fossil fuels in the next few decades may seem catastrophic for many, but it can also have its positive effects. As the decrease in oil becomes more apparent, science is catching up and sustainable alternatives are being developed. These alternatives will provide us with the energy we need and the elimination of CO2 emissions we want.

The end of oil could potentially mean a decrease in state sponsored terrorism. Saudi Arabia's vast oil reserves have made it a logical ally for the West in the Middle East. It is a relatively stable country with a substantial military force, but, more importantly, it has some of the biggest oil reserves in the world.

With these reserves and with the US as a loyal customer, Saudi Arabia has been able to witness a vast economic growth. Yet all this black gold has also allowed Saudi Arabia to fund Islamic extremists.

The roots to this issue go far back—all the way to the rise

of Wahhabism, a violent and extremist branch of Islam — the same ideology preached by ISIS. Wahhabism was institutionalized in Saudi Arabia in the earlier 1900s, but has been around for 250 years. Wahhabism brought Abdulaziz Ibn Saud to power (the first monarch of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia), but the Saudi king soon found he had to deal with these extremists that brought him to power. Wahhabism was a growing force in Saudi Arabia and its ideology did not coincide with the modernization of Saudi Arabia the king had in mind. His solution? Export them around the rest of the Muslim world. Funded by oil revenues, the Saudi royalty were able to export extremists Wahhabists from Saudi Arabia. Wahhabi schools were funded in several countries like Afghanistan and all the way to Indonesia. These radical teachings were able to set the groundwork for groups like the Taliban, al-Qaeda and ISIS.

The exportation of these radical views would not have been possible had it not been for oil. The consequences of the actions



made by extremist groups in the Middle East are a direct result of our continued trade partnership with Saudi Arabia. For the West, oil trumps world peace. If we were serious about getting rid of global terrorism, we shouldn't attack the puppets, we should chop off the hands in control. Global dynamics shift with energy sources. We saw this in the 1970s, when Saudi Arabia demonstrated who really was in control when they declared an embargo in response to the American's support of Israel during the Yom Kippur War — this resulted in the 1973 energy crisis.

Our relentless support for a nation that sponsors extremists and violates human rights on a regular basis (50 people were recently beheaded) is absolutely unacceptable. The West cannot simply keep denying and cuddling Saudi Arabia. We live in an era of denial, where trade is more important than the lives of tens of thousands who have died because we simply cannot accept the fact that we are indirectly funding the very people we claim to be fighting.

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Looking Back on 2015 and Looking Forward to 2016 on Sexton Campus

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It seems like only yesterday that exams were finishing and students were eagerly looking toward the holiday break with its promises of actually having time to sleep and not needing to spend every waking hour on projects. However all good things must come to an end and so the new semester has begun. The halls of Sexton campus are once again bustling with bleary-eyed students trying to make it to their morning classes as we as a community move in to 2016.

The past year has been a trying one for Halifax, Dalhousie and Sexton campus. 2015 was ushered in in much the same way that 2016 has been, with mild weather and relatively little snowfall. Across the city people remarked on how the winter weather had thus far been very accommodating. All such chatter, and most of the traffic in Halifax, soon came to a grinding halt as the city dealt with one of its worst winters in recent memory. Combined a grand total of 340 cm of the white stuff fell over the city in the span of three months. No matter where you went there was snow hampering your way whether you were traveling by foot, transit, bicycle or car; the one exception of course being a certain intrepid snowboarder in Dartmouth.

Dalhousie did a fantastic job of keeping their sidewalks clean

but unfortunately that is about the only positive news to come from the school this past year. On June 29, the Task Force on Misogyny, Sexism and Homophobia in the Faculty of Dentistry released their report on the state of the dentistry program in the wake of 2014's scandal. The report included 39 recommendations for moving forward and overall takes a critical tone. Misogyny, sexism and homophobia are issues that affect everyone regardless of their gender and sexuality. Moving forward let us work toward resolving these issues not only within the Dentistry program but also within Dalhousie as a whole.

The task force report brought to light deep-seated problems for Dalhousie at the institutional level but Dalhousie has also known many acute problems this year. In August, Halifax was abuzz with the story of a missing Dalhousie student named Taylor Sampson. Four days after Sampson's disappearance a fellow Dalhousie student, William Sanderson, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in relation to the case. Sampson has yet to be found while the accused is still in custody and due in court in February.

On the same day that Sanderson was arrested, Dalhousie student Stephen Tynes was arrested after uttering death threats. Tynes was facing expulsion from the Faculty of Medicine and had informed a psychiatrist that he had thoughts of shooting up to 20 people including himself.

Specific threats were made against the associate dean of undergraduate medical education, Evelyn Sutton, and her family. Currently these allegations have not been proven in court and are scheduled for later in 2016. When Tynes's apartment was searched, two rifles and close to two thousand rounds of ammunition were found.

With the return of students for the fall term, Dalhousie seemed to be returning to a state of normalcy. The fall brought with it the excitement of the federal election that saw substantial engagement from students at the university. Student leaders were busy advocating not for any particular party but simply to get students voting. Dalhousie was part of a pilot program to have polling stations on university campuses to improve youth voting turn out. Regardless of the success of the program there was a definite buzz of excitement surrounding campus during the election season.

Ending Dalhousie's year on a sombre note was the death of a student in early December as a result of alcohol poisoning. The student's name is being kept private at the wishes of the family however the event took place on the eleventh of December. The student was noted to have consumed a large amount of alcohol in a short period of time and the diagnosis was later confirmed during the autopsy.

Sexton campus has had a relatively uneventful year when

compared to Dalhousie as a whole. La plus ça change on Sexton campus as students continue working through their engineering, architecture and planning degrees. Major issues effecting Sexton campus include the new IDEA building and the separation between Sexton and Studley campuses, both of which are long standing issues. Rumour has it that the IDEA building will finally be going ahead though the use of the space is much debated and subject to change. The lack of connection between Sexton campus and the greater Dalhousie community was as drastic ever. Whether it is the presence of student societies or of the administration itself, Sexton campus representation remains lacking.

This past year has been difficult but presents us with many chances to grow. Whether you are a student of Dalhousie or not, there are lessons to be learned: 1) don't be a sexist bigot. Not only is it bad for your education and career but also it kind of just makes you a horrible person in general. 2) Seek psychiatric help when needed. Dalhousie students have access to trained mental health professionals that can help you work through whatever issues you may have before they escalate. 3) Be mindful of how much alcohol you are consuming. Your last hurrah before exams should not be your last hurrah ever.

So here is looking toward a brighter, safer 2016. Personally I am just hoping for less snow.



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