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Low condom usage rates at Dal ‘terrifying’

Safe sex complex, say survey subjects: only half of Dal uses condoms



He asked Adele if it was okay to take the condom off because it didn't fit. She didn't mind, as long as he pulled out before ejaculation.

"He was an average-sized guy, and it just didn't fit," she says. "If this doesn't fit average people, then there's really no point [in giving condoms away]. I don't know why they're wasting their money."

A 2012 student wellness survey revealed that 46 per cent of sexually active Dal students questioned didn't use a condom during their last intercourse. According to Capital Health, 2012 saw a spike in syphilis and chlamydia rates in Halifax.

Dalhousie's Student Health Promotion (SHP) reacted to these statistics by starting condom blitzes this past school year. The sexual health and relationships team leader Alex Shaffter adopted the idea from the Halifax Sexual Health Centre, which hands out condoms with candy on holidays like Halloween and St. Patrick's Day.

Shaffter goes around campus with her group of volunteers about twice a month handing out condoms. She calls her helpers the "condom fairies" because they wear wings so students know they aren't random people just handing out condoms.

"It's always a learning process," Shaffter says. "Like, what line do you use? 'Hey, want a condom?' or cute rhyming things always go over well. Shouting 'free stuff' goes over pretty well."

SHP approximates they've given out around 12,000 condoms so far. By the end of the school year, they hope to match last year's number—16,000. With their move from the Dalplex to the fourth floor of the Student Union Building, many students aren't aware that SHP has a bowl

they could get a discount by ordering them through the Canadian Federation for Students. ONE puts slogans on their packaging like "ONE a day" in front of an apple, and some of the wrappers include queer-positive slogans. Chris Parsons, KSU internal coordinator, says the humorous slogans have helped first-year students feel a bit more at ease when picking up condoms from the KSU office's condom basket.

The KSU basket also houses female and latex-free condoms, dental dams and lubricants. However, their condoms only come in one size. There's been little demand for different sizes, but Parsons says the KSU plans to purchase them when they reorder for the beginning of next year.

When Adele first had sex with her partner, he removed the condom provided to him by the KSU less than 10 minutes into the act.

Better safe than sorry. ••• Photo by Asrar Ul Haq

Sabina Wex

Staff Contributor

Adele had never bought condoms before. Whenever she had sex, the guy always had them in his wallet or his drawer. So when the first-year King's student received two condoms in her orientation week package, she wanted to explore.

"I'd just rip [the condom] open and smell it, and taste it, and it usually just made me repulsed," she said. "And I was like, 'I don't want to use these, because they're gross.'"

The King's Student Union (KSU) provides two regular-sized, lubricated latex ONE brand condoms in every orientation week package. They gave 600 condoms in those packs alone, out of the approximate 4,000 they have given out this year.

The KSU began using ONE this year instead of Lifestyles because

In 2012, only

46%

of students asked said they used condoms.



This despite over

16,000

being handed out right on our campus.



of free Lifestyles lubricated latex condoms. SHP hopes they can reach more students next year when they've moved to the second floor of the LeMarchant Street mixed use building.

Both Dal and King's students pay a levy to South House, a sexual resource centre. When outreach coordinator Jude Ashburn heard that many students aren't using condoms, they found it "terrifying."

"Dal students and King's students can access so many free resources here, there's absolutely no excuse," says Ashburn. "We're here, please come take these free things."

South House offers regular and large, latex and non-latex, lubri-

cated and non-lubricated, female, sensitive and flavoured condoms. Dental dams, gloves and lubricants (water-based and more natural kinds) are also offered. Ashburn also recently ordered finger condoms after they noticed the dentist used them to inspect their mouth. They were inspired by the dentist's safety and thought there are many sexual acts involving hand contact that could be safer with a finger condom.

"Condom culture, in general," Ashburn says, "is a matter of harm reduction, it's a matter of access. It's getting people what they need, for all bodies, all acts, all genders." ☹

Adele's name has been changed to preserve privacy

On the cover:

This week, photo editor Chris Parent got a shot of a hot and bothered couple in our annual celebration of all things sex and love. Read this year's stories, from blowjob-ready lipstick to Dalhousie's single jocks, inside.

Correction:

The story, DSU says "nay" to controversial law school, incorrectly stated the opening date for the law school at Trinity Western University. The new faculty will open September 2016. The Gazette regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

What's in a name?

Proposed transgender committee would enforce preferred names and open gender-neutral washrooms

Eleanor Davidson
News Contributor

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If the vote passes at the next general council meeting, the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) could start a committee for transgender student issues.

This committee would promote, starting at the council level, awareness of the issues faced by transgender students and would strive to make a variety of changes to better their lives at Dal.

John Hutton is one of two student union reps on the Dal board of governors, and he's been working to get the ball rolling on these changes.

Hutton used the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design as a model for Dal's proposed policy changes. The first issue for them to tackle would be the use of students' preferred names in official records.

"NSCAD has been working to use the preferred names of transgender students in university documents and class lists, as opposed to their legal names," says Hutton.

"The use of preferred names is so important. Your preferred name is your identity," he says.

Jessica Dempsey brought the idea of a committee up to Hutton in mid-January, who quickly pitched it to council. She strongly agrees with the importance of preferred names being used.

"It would cost me over \$300 to legally change my name and update my identification. I can't afford that at this time," she says.

However, the shift to using the preferred names of transgender students is much more complex than it sounds.

"There are two sides to this issue," says Hutton. "One side is policy: we need to make sure that people are aware of how important it is for trans students to be called by their preferred names.

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"On the other side it's an IT issue. We have to find a way to have people's legal names in the system, but it also needs to be indicated what name they would prefer to be called," he says.

Dempsey can testify to the problems it's caused. "I've been outed to an entire class several times on an attendance sheet, or when professors call my previous name."

Another issue for the committee to focus on is the addition of more gender-neutral washrooms

on Dalhousie's campuses. A list is available online of where gender-neutral washrooms can be located but Hutton stresses that more need to be added around campus.

"For a transgender person, it often happens that neither gender's washroom feels like a safe space. This is a huge issue, and every new building put up by Dal should be sure that it has a gender-neutral washroom," says Hutton.

The transgender student issues committee would not only serve as a broker between the university's transgender community and the administration but also provide support to the community as a whole.

"The committee is something more than gathering information and research to construct policy; it's about having representation for transgender students. It will set an example for others to follow," says Dempsey.

The addition of the committee to the DSU would establish a much-needed outlet to focus on uniquely transgender issues, while also promoting education about the transgender community throughout Dalhousie.

The committee would be made up of one executive and four councilors, as well as non-voting members of the transgender student community.

Due to weather cancelling two



Jessica Dempsey is hopeful for what the committee could do.

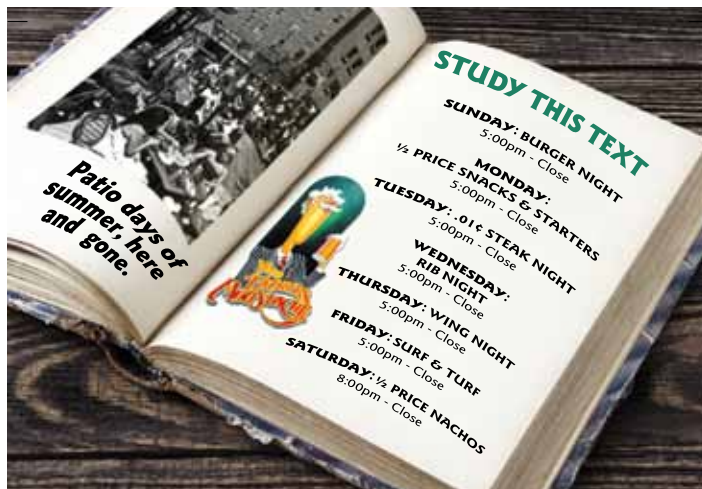
... Photo by Kristie Smith

of the past three meetings, council hasn't been able to vote and won't be able to until Feb. 26 at the earliest, although it has yet to be confirmed.

Dempsey emphasizes the key role that the committee would

play in the lives of transgender students at Dal.

"Going through a second puberty is hard enough. Without support, it is nearly impossible," she says. ☹



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Self love

Learning to grow through relationships



Everyone we meet changes us. Let's celebrate all kinds of love this Valentine's Day. ••• Photo by Adele van Wyk

Deirdre Mulcahy

Opinions Contributor

There are guys you try to be calm around (obsessing over your words as you hold your breath, hoping they can't tell you're imagining the thought of kissing them). There are beautiful girls who you'd love to let into your daily routine, if only you could figure out what gets them going.

Between our sexual and sentimental motivations for a partner, it can sometimes seem difficult to remember our sense of self. "Be yourself," and "remember who you are" are common tidbits of wisdom offered to the young heading off on first dates, but at this stage of life we're not trying to be capricious—we just don't know who we are yet.

One guy you'd like to sleep with, and another you'd like to tell about your childhood. Ideally we're looking for both these qualities in one partner, but it seems that each new interest brings out

different parts of our growing self. Sometimes this is exciting, but often it can seem a bit destabilizing—so much so that we decide the predictability of going solo is the best way to ensure sanity.

The truth though is that every person we meet, who we truly take the time to encounter—in friendship or partnership—changes us. There isn't one set self for us to hold onto. And it can be scary to realize this when someone shows us something about ourselves we never noticed, like how beautiful and calm we feel when looking at the Halifax harbour or how we still don't know how to understand the way our dad spoke to us as a kid. I'm personally a fan of figuring out my academic life over confronting these complicating personal insights, but through experience I've been learning it comes with some perks. I've learned I also enjoy the feel of holding someone's hand, and the calm breathing that comes when chatting with someone I trust,

knowing I have someone to tell about my day, maybe for many years.

I'm fairly immature when it comes to developing partnerships, but I'm slowly finding that truly loving ourselves has something to do with letting ourselves love another. That may be a pet, a friend, or that new interest you're dying to invite for a skate at the Oval. It may seem counterintuitive, but perhaps the best way to remember who we are as individuals is to stop hiding from relationships.

Loving others shows us that who we are is a dynamic process. As we filter our way through this time of red and chocolates we should remember that our need for affection goes beyond just one day, is shown in many ways, and that we truly desire as much to receive it as to share it. ☺

The pros and cons of singledom

Cheers to V-Day

Jessica Melanson

Opinions Contributor

Couples are in the nitty-gritty of prepping for an unforgettable Valentine's Day, while singles are probably gathering with other singles to eat heart-shaped cookies. In light of this, I'd like to ask: is it better to be or not to be single? Let's take a look.

Pros:

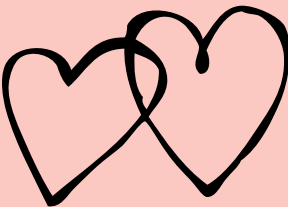
- Having the freedom to meet whoever, whenever, wherever.
- Having ownership over the remote control and the freedom to watch your favorite TV show (even if it's *The Bachelor*) without being judged.
- Taking up all the space in your bed. Honestly, I don't know a student with a bed larger than a twin size, so enjoy it while you can. Also, enjoy the absence of snoring, kicking and general disturbance (other than the noise caused by housemates).
- When he/she picks up the bill because, after all, "it's your birthday."
- Focusing on the important things, such as school and building your career, without having your decisions being influenced by the hopes of that special other.

Cons:

- No partner in crime.
- No butterflies in your stomach, tingling sensation in your toes, or best friend you get to see every day and night (sorry, I had to say it).
- No one to make fun of whenever you want with minimal repercussions.
- Our minds slowly start to convince us that we may be forever alone or that no one will be able to meet our standards (which, honey, the former would explain why you're still single).
- You don't gain a huge lesson learned from being in a relationship—getting through the ups and downs as a team.

Today is February 14, and the world wants you to believe that being single sucks and being in a relationship rocks.

The truth is, both are fine. And luckily, there is an in-between: dating. That, in my opinion, is the perfect combination of freedom and attachment. ☺



CREATING LOVE FROM SCRATCH

Valentine's Day is more than dates



Don't make this SAD. Celebrate this festival of love. ••• Photo by Josh Fraser

Josh Fraser
Staff Contributor

When Cupid's coming, my instinct is to duck and hide. It's not out of a sense of envy for couples on Valentine's Day; as meaningful as it is, I've always hated the pressure and competition. I could pin my feelings on Singles Awareness Day, but I'm not feeling SAD. On the contrary, I think embracing a festival of love means a lot more than buying accessories for your ball and chain.

Singleness at this time of year bites, because it forces us to ask why we are obviously so undesirable when everyone is sucking face in the moonlight. The first step to avoiding SADness is remembering that relationships are an endless dance, requiring effort, negotiation and planning—the grass is always greener. Vanquish the jealousy by thinking about your friends who are in healthy rela-

tionships, the ones who make you smile with their respect and devotion for one another. Think of their happiness in the moments you've shared with them as a couple, learn from them and be glad you know what love can look like.

Once you've got that love simmering in your heart, you can give it out. To be clear, genitals need not be involved, and you can find people with all sorts of interesting stories and endearing qualities without needing to haul someone off to bed. That said, there are plenty of people who enjoy sex and there is absolutely nothing wrong with finding a temporary consenting adult and a condom. After all, this is an erotic holiday, and stimulation by definition runs the gamut from intellectually gratifying to physically invigorating. The point is to share love, somehow.

You could also share that simmering heart full of love with yourself. It's a little tricky, and most people feel wrong or narciss-

istic when directing love to themselves, but loving yourself is necessary so as not to rely on others for your daily energy. Giving love to another comes from a source within us, so why not take Valentine's Day to explore and nurture this source?

Have an Epsom salt bath, cook up your favourite meal, light some new incense and finally open that meditation book your aunt gave you in second year. Imagine what it would be like, all plans pushed aside and all electronics off, working on being calm and content. Fantasize about mythical lover X and how you make their knees weak with your awesomeness.

In other words, use Valentine's Day to explore and grow. Languishing in the awareness of your relationship status is just making Ben & Jerry that much richer and is killing your confidence. No matter what Cupid has in store, go with the flow and make the most of the love that abounds. ☺

NekNominations are dangerous and immature

There's nothing prestigious about binge drinking

Graeme Benjamin
Staff Contributor

People realize that future employers check a candidate's Facebook before hiring them, right?

This, among many other things, is something students at Dalhousie and around the world have simply forgotten when accepting a NekNomination. This "prestigious" award has been sweeping across social media outlets, primarily Facebook, encouraging students to binge drink in the light of day.

The basic premise of a NekNomination is to, when nominated, thank the individual who gave you the award, then proceed to chug a beer as fast as possible. This is usually followed by the chugger doing something idiotic (jumping in a snowbank half-nude, drinking more alcohol, etc.). To complete the video, the drinker nominates two of their friends to create their own NekNomination video. The nominated individuals only have 24 hours to complete the task, or else it's not a true NekNomination completion.

Are you shaking your head too?

It's obvious how foolish the whole idea of this is. Nonetheless, it has grown popular among students across campus. This type of movement grows in popularity quickly through a combination of peer pressure and an exponential form of growth. NekNominations have even reportedly led to the death of two young men in Ireland.

The whole idea of this reminds me of a big game of "truth or dare" taking place on social media, except no one ever chooses "truth," and people know what their dare is going to be. I think what people need to realize is that once these videos are out on the internet, they are available for all to see. And once they're seen, you can't un-see them. The long and short of it is that this is a dangerous, immature and tasteless game



Ditch the Nek and go for the NiceNomination. ••• Illustration by Laura Dawe

that our community has become subject to.

And I'm not the only one who feels this way.

Students have stepped up on social media to express their negative feelings toward NekNominations, mainly by sharing an inspiring created by South African Brent Lindeque. The video has been viewed over 300,000 times in a week and the number is still climbing. It shows a man who was NekNominated giving a sandwich, chocolate bar and a Coke to a homeless man.

This approach, too, has quickly risen in popularity. Some outstanding individuals in our community have created videos of themselves implementing random acts of kindness, from giving Timbits to a librarian working the late shift to buying the person's meal behind them at the drive-thru. This shift in mindset has created a spark of optimism and has allowed me to restore my faith in humanity.

So the next time you receive a NekNomination, what would you rather do? Shotgun another beer or make a complete stranger's day? Think about it.

To see more of the great things people are doing in their community, check out the Twitter hashtag #NiceNomination. ☺



FALLING AND FAILING

Four contributors weigh in on their harsher lessons of love

Charlotte Kiddell
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The seven-day-soulmate

Day one: Assume he's gay, based on sassy dance moves and frequent "Hey girl!" exclamations. Ditch on dance floor to seduce resident heartthrob.

Day two: Hear that he hit on my sister the night before. Still think he's gay... albeit confused.

Day three: Bond over Community.

Day four: Become best friends.

Day five: Get too drunk. Fall over frequently. Be incredibly emotional from pressure of dysfunctional family holiday and epiphany that my current relationship is close to ending. Have an emotional breakdown and bawl in his presence for hours. Hook-up with resident heartthrob: sloppily and drunkenly.

Day six: Confess my drunken hook-up. Apologize for my emotional breakdown. Realize I have feelings for him. Distress and despair about his preference for my sister. Admit this. Am amazed to discover that I am the one that he truly wants. Spend the next five hours kissing.

Day seven: Departure day. Spend the day hungover, exhausted and missing him. We text and he feels the same. Suddenly soulmates. Smoosh.

Rosalie Fralick
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Summer sex secrets

The summer before my senior year of high school, a local jazz sax legend returned from his first year at Berklee. Young and naïve, I fawned over him and his unbelievable talent and we started what I would tentatively call a summer fling.

One bright, sunny, hungover day in late June I ventured downtown to see him play a noon show in the nauseating sun. He hugged me, kissed my cheek and introduced me to his mother; it was all bliss. That evening, we were chatting, and I asked when his next gig was: "Well, I leave for Korea tomorrow for six weeks, so probably when I get back." This was news to me.

I wouldn't say I pined, but I stayed up many a night to talk to him when he rolled out of bed at 2 in the afternoon (the time difference is 13 hours). The final blow came in August when he dropped the bomb in casual conversation. He was going to Japan for a week to visit his GIRLFRIEND. Turns out he had had a girlfriend at Berklee (a prodigy, by the way, who already had two albums on a major Japanese jazz label, at 20 years old) the entire time, and neglected to tell me. Sometimes it's best to believe what you've heard about a person's reputation... lesson learned.

Leah Stall
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Valentines make me sick

I had only been dating my boyfriend for a few months before it was time for Valentine's Day. I was still in the process of trying to impress him when he took me out for a romantic dinner. Everything was going well until our main meals came; I started to feel a little bit sick, but I just blamed it on my nerves. As soon as we were done our meal, I knew I wasn't just nervous. Turns out the smoothie I'd had earlier in the day did not sit well with me, and for the rest of the date I was confined to the restaurant's bathroom. Now that's what I call romance...

Scruffy MacMinster
.....
Pipe Dreams

Her name was Nessie. She was as elusive and mystical as a giant loch monster. We were in the local pub, "William Wallace's Spleen," each having a pint of scotch. I asked for her name and I'll ne'er forget the nine beautiful words she said next: "None of your f@#\$ing business you tosser, piss off!" I tried everything but no amount of fried blood or sheep intestine would sway her. The barman came by and I asked for advice. He said "Scruffy you drunken sod, you've been talking to the urinal for 45 minutes. Go home." It may have just been a urinal, but damn if that wasn't the best relationship I've ever had. ☹



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Joelline: This was my favourite of the lipsticks overall. Even though it was a deep red color, it left only faint traces on his lips. Once it came to the actual blowjob, it was more noticeable that it rubbed off on him (and my hands) while I was going down, but my lips still looked untouched. Thumbs up if your guy doesn't mind a little lipstick on his dick.

Zoe: I had high hopes for this affordable liquid lipstick. Micro-glitter gives it a shine like car-paint, and the neutral toned,

glossy red would be at home on a glam rock album cover. It didn't move through a bagel and latte breakfast, but a swatch on my hand wiped off after a few rubs with a Kleenex, which did not bode well for the full blowie treatment.

During the highly scientific test, I applied two coats with a lip brush, allowing each one to dry fully before getting down to business. Most of the product ended up in my mouth and was wiped off my lips completely, leaving the lightest of red stains behind. While the Revlon had the best finish and application of the three products, the lasting power is almost non-existent if you like to get rough.

Covergirl Outlast all-day lipcolor in 570 My Papaya \$6.44, drugstores

J: The topcoat was really important for this one to look good. Otherwise, they're not lying with this one. It didn't rub off on him. At all. It was impossible—*impossible*—to take off. Verdict: good choice if you don't mind wearing it a bit longer than you'd anticipated.

Z: This stuff smells awesome (I assume like a papaya?) and won't come off unless the thing you're blowing is an open bottle of make-up remover. You can pop some more of the Chapstick-like topcoat over the colour to keep it protected for an extended period of time, and to prevent your lips from drying out. I would recommend this for daily wear, as well as for a leisurely evening of 69 with your special someone.



Make Up Forever Aqua Rouge waterproof liquid lip color in 9 Burgundy \$29.00, Sephora

J: I had to put this one on on top of the Outlast—I really couldn't get it off. This lipstick quickly made its way into my mouth, and it tasted so bad that I just had to get up and take it off. On the plus side, although it got into my mouth, it somehow left no mark on him. Thumbs up if you can be really "neat and tidy" about it, or stomach the lipstick's taste.

Z: Disappointing for a costly professional product. I wasn't as bothered by the medicinal, sunscreeny scent as Jo was, but found

the product drying and finicky to apply. You need to use a chap and a lip exfoliator before putting this on, since it will highlight any small crusty bits lurking on your pie-hole. Aqua Rouge seemed sticky and thick, leaving a rim of red around my lip-line, and vanishing from the rest of my lips after a bit of knob-gobbling. It was not a good look. Leave this one for strictly SFW activities.

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Erotica: Circa 200 million, BCE

The birds do it and the dinos do it

Mat Wilush
Arts Editor

I have always been obsessed with something at any given time, but dinosaurs were my first true love. I could list off dino facts with near-savant precision. I would always leave my neighbourhood Roger's Video with a VHS copy of either *We're Back, Jurassic Park*, or any of the *Land Before Time* films. My first dream job was paleontologist. But now I think that part of my past has curled up and died. After having read *Taken by the T-Rex*—24 pages of dinosaur erotica—I don't think I'd ever be able to look five-year-old me in the eyes.

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**"THIS
ILLUSION IS
BROKEN WHEN
SUDDENLY,
THE T-REX'S
THROBBING
MEMBER
ENTERS THE
PICTURE"**
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In the e-book's opening sequence, we're introduced to the stereotypical prehistoric setting and asked to suspend our disbelief that humanoids and dinosaurs ever existed simultaneously. Drin, the village's chief huntress, is on a warpath for the "big lizard," which decimated her village and ate her mother. Towards the end of this tale, she will encounter the "big lizard" and inexplicably proceed to have sexual relations with it (I won't spoil any of the logistics as to how this actually works). In a post-coital haze, the T-Rex walks off, never to bother the village again.

Taken by the T-Rex is actually pretty dull, in spite of its premise.



Here's to you Mr. T-Rex. • • • Illustration by Amber Solberg

It's easy in the e-book's beginning to think that you're reading some amateur-grade stone age fan fiction, but this illusion is broken when suddenly, the T-Rex's throbbing member enters the picture, and you're made all too aware of what it is you are reading. The ordeal lasts six whole pages.

If nothing else, *Taken by the T-Rex* is a treatise in female empowerment. Drin, a woman, is seemingly the only prehistoric person capable of intelligent conversation; Grul, her male counterpart, speaks in the third person, omits any definite articles and expresses less emotion than

a T-Rex. Interested only in "the thrill of the hunt," Drin is bored by the simple sexuality of man. When chasing the T-Rex, she notes that "hunting, outsmarting and out-thinking her quarry gave her a thrill no man could ever match." She even manages to turn what is essentially dino-rape into an exercise of dominance.

Of course, if T-Rexes are too mainstream for your literary sexual appetite, Christie Sims and Alara Branwen (the e-book's authors) offer up other Jurassic playboys in *Taken by the Pterodactyl*, *In the Velociraptor's Nest* and *Ravished by the Triceratops*.

Each edition is roughly the same length and is adorned with a similar cover (usually a scantily clad white woman juxtaposed on some sort of primal back-drop and paired with a copy-and-pasted dinosaur).

My foray into the world of dinosaur erotica was a short and

surreal experience. "The big lizard's dick" is by far the strangest arrangement of words I have ever processed. I can only hope that one day I'll be able to excavate some fossilized remnant of my innocence. ☹

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**"ONE DAY I'LL BE ABLE TO
EXCAVATE SOME FOSSILIZED
REMNANT OF MY INNOCENCE"**
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Celebrate Valentine's Day your own way. ••• Photo by Chris Parent

Joelline Girouard
Sex Columnist

My mother wasn't impressed when I told her I'd landed myself a sex column. "Why sex?" she asked. "Why not something nice, like relationships?"

We all know relationships aren't always nice, but in honour of Valentine's Day, I should say they have their shining moments—and a lot of those happen in the bedroom.

Whether you've been with your significant other for two months or two years, whether V-Day is dreaded or taken super-seriously (ha!), it should nonetheless be about taking a day to make each other feel good.

For one pair this could mean calling in sick to work to stay in bed together all day (wink wink), and for another this could mean dinner, a movie and a bouquet

of roses. Each relationship is as unique as the people who make it up, so there should never be a set "formula" for things like Valentine's Day. (Except for buying lingerie—think *way* ahead and hit the Boxing Day sales!)

While specialty shops and websites will probably try to sell you on the idea of sexy but expensive games, I'm a firm believer that good lovers can make their own fun. (Disclaimer: I have bought some of these sexy games and yes, they are worth it—but only if you have the money to spare.)

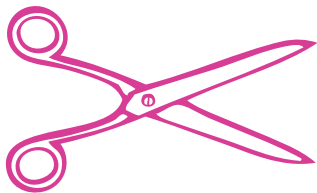
Rather than buying sex dice, it's just as easy to take regular six-sided dice and assign an action (such as licking, kissing or sucking) and a body part (nipples, lips, ear) to each number.

Another fun and easy game is the one I've included here: just cut out these strips, toss them into a hat, and have fun taking turns driving each-other wild. (To make

this easier, decide before you begin who's going to be "partner A" and "partner B." For the wildcards, remember your partner need only do what you want them to if they're comfortably consenting to it.)

Even if you have no lover to play with this Valentine's Day, it doesn't mean you can't treat yourself. Hell, last year my friend and I got McDonald's milkshakes and watched *Who's Line is it Anyway*—and it was great.

Although it's traditionally a "couples" thing, Valentine's Day is a chance to spread your love to whoever you please, however you please—so please, take it. ☺



2-MINUTE MAKE-OUT

1-MINUTE STRIPTEASE

PARTNER A GIVES PARTNER B ORAL

PARTNER B GIVES PARTNER A ORAL

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PARTNER B RECEIVES BACKRUB

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WILDCARD: PARTNER B REQUESTS

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Why aren't you playing: The Sex & Love Edition

Mastering the art of virtual seduction



Play your cards right and you might land some cyber-action. • • • Press image

Vaughn Pearson
Games Columnist

It's Valentine's Day, and for many of us that will mean spending a day doing nothing more than showering our special someone with affection. For many more of us, it will mean a bucket of rocky road ice cream to mask the Garfield-level bitterness flowing through our veins. For those lacking in lust or love on that day of romance, video games have you covered.

Seduce Me

If you play your cards right in *Seduce Me* (PC, Mac) you could be living out sexual fantasies you didn't even know you had. The game, quite literally, runs off a card system, so the metaphor goes a little deeper than most games would have it. Various mini games determine how conversations play out as you enjoy the luxuries of a palatial coastal mansion filled with stupidly good-looking residents.

In one instance, you might try to play cards of a similar talking point or suit, and in another, you may be competing for higher value in a strange cross between Pictionary and poker. It is an interesting game, but the, ahem, visuals are gorgeous. Characters, ranging from hunky man-whores to sexy twins with questionable intent, are drawn to suit a variety of tastes. Hardly realistic, but hey, these are fantasies—are they really supposed to be?



Some of your Katawa Shoujo classmates. • • • Press image

It's a tough game. I got thrown out of the house a few times before I got the knack of the card mechanics, but it pays off with steamy, sultry rewards that should satisfy your baser urges. Whether those urges be sex on the beach with two bikini babes, or ending up someone's plaything in a dungeon somewhere, you can decide.

Katawa Shoujo

To some, Valentine's Day represents a time of love more than lust, and while you might think, "Sure, a porn game or two is fine but it can't simulate anything greater," well, you're wrong. Gaming has been rife with romance for years. Games like *Mass Effect* and *Dragon Age* (generally anything made by Bioware) will have you romancing everyone that walks, from blue alien babes to gay elves. Whatever way your heart sways, there's a romantic subplot in there somewhere for it. But those ultimately boil down to "who will I be extra nice to until they love me?"

Katawa Shoujo (PC, Mac) is another creature entirely. Literally translating (rather unfor-

tunately) to "Cripple Girls," *Katawa Shoujo* is what is known as a visual novel. Largely consisting of reading (hence the moniker), you make key decisions that will move the story along, like an old fashioned choose-your-own-adventure novel.

Katawa Shoujo's plot has you, a young man with a heart condition, shipped off to a school for youth with special health needs. There you meet a wide assortment of lively characters ranging from a girl who suffered severe burns on half her body, to a pair of best friends, one blind and one deaf. It may sound like some bizarre fetish game, but you go to classes with these people, study with them, attend events with them and grow with them. Far from focusing on the disabilities of these girls, the game humanizes them, and while you can play the entire "game" without romancing a single one, I challenge you to not find yourself falling for one of them in spite of yourself. It is a game about finding love in places you'd least expect, and it's a genuinely heartwarming experience. ☺

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PLAYING THE GAME OF LOVE

Tigers' romance extends from the Grawood to the Dalplex

Daniel Bergman
Assistant Sports Editor

Here at the *Gazette*, we know that if there's one thing Valentine's Day is good for, it's testing your partner in a series of elaborate mental challenges. That's why we sat down with Dalhousie Tigers hockey player Ben MacAskill and soccer player Ashley Donnelly—together for 10 months—to put their knowledge of one another to the test. Turns out, they're pretty good at this.

Ashley's Moment of Truth (How Well Do You Know Ben?)

What is Ben's favourite pro sports team?

Ashley Donnelly: Chicago Blackhawks. ✓

Who is Ben's favourite athlete?

AD: Ashley Donnelly.

Ben MacAskill: I thought it was pro athlete...

AD: It's the hockey guy, it's the hockey guy that can do all the stickhandling, isn't it?

BM: ... I thought it was pro athlete.

AD: Is it the hockey guy with the good hands? Last name with 'L'? The one you showed me a YouTube video of?

BM: (shakes head) Duncan Keith. Plays for Chicago.

AD: Oh, OK. I don't follow hockey. ✗

What is Ben's biggest pet peeve?

AD: Bad drivers. ✓

What is Ben's favourite food?

AD: Is it a meal, or just one thing? Steak and mushrooms?

BM: (shakes head)

AD: Why not? That's my favourite.

BM: What? No, you make this.

AD: Oh... Quinoa salad.

BM: Yeah. She introduced me.

AD: I make a mean quinoa salad. ✓



Though they're both Dalhousie athletes, Ben and Ashley also form a team of their own. • • • Photo by Amin Helal

What is Ben's favourite book?

BM: I don't think you'll know this one...

AD: Give me a hint.

BM: Uh... no, you wouldn't know it.

AD: I wouldn't know it.

BM: It's *The Alchemist*.

AD: We've never seen him read.

BM: (laughs) Mostly just reading textbooks nowadays. Read that a long time ago. ✗

If Ben could listen to only one musician for the rest of eternity, who would it be?

AD: Oh gosh, it's probably a country one...

BM: Think of how many CDs are in my car.

AD: Oh... Jack Johnson! ✓

According to Ben, who is the messy one in the relationship?

AD: (laughs) Him.

BM: Kind of.

AD: Who??

BM: I just said that you were more organized. We're both pretty clean. But you're more organized.

AD: That's true, I am pretty organized. ✓

What is Ben's favourite movie?

BM: Did I answer that [on the question sheet]?

Dalhousie Gazette: Oh yeah, no –

BM: I forgot about that one.

☹: What would be your favourite movie?

BM: I don't know, I think I'd say –

AD: You'd say *Friday Night Lights*.

BM: – *Friday Night Lights* ✓

According to Ben, how did you two meet?

AD: You grabbed me at the Grawood. And we went to Starbucks together. Is that what you said?

BM: Yeah—what did I say?

☹: (reading back) 'At the Grawood on St. Patrick's Day. Grabbed her and said hello. I had her at hello.'

AD: (laughs) Real. That happened. ✓

What is Ben's favourite hangout spot in Halifax?

AD: Hmm... the water?

BM: The waterfront, yeah. ✓

If Ben could be a movie star, who would it be?

AD: It's a superhero, isn't it?

BM: (laughs) Nope.

AD: Who is it? Who would you want to be?

BM: (pauses) Who was your man-crush before me? Lives in your town [Burlington, Ont.].

AD: Ryan Gosling? That's who you'd want to be? (laughs) Oh my gosh.

☹: I would probably choose Ryan Gosling too. ✗ (*But we still learned about ourselves*).

What does Ben consider the better sport: soccer or hockey?

AD: Hockey.

☹: Do you go to each other's games?

AD: Mm-hm.

BM: Yup.

AD: He didn't come to mine, but I went to his. (laughs) I go to every one of his. I'm very dedicated. ✓

Who has been the most influential role model in Ben's life?

AD: Your grandpa? Or your dad? Your dad.

BM: Dad, yeah.

☺: And why is that?

BM: He was just always there for me. He came to watch all my games, would always tell me how I could be better. ✓

What does Ben consider to be his best quality?

AD: I think Ben's very humble and really nice and everyone loves him. I've never heard him say a bad thing about anybody in this world. He's just one to love.

BM: I was going to say kindness, yeah. ✓

And finally, of course, the necessary Twilight question: Team Edward or Team Jacob?

BM: I don't like that vampire-looking guy.

AD: [Team] Jacob. (laughs)

BM: Yup. ✓

☺: That was a pretty solid round.

BM: Set the bar real high here. I'm scared.

ASHLEY'S SCORE:
12/15 - 80%

Ben's Moment of Truth (How Well Do You Know Ashley?)

What is Ashley's favourite sports team, in any league?

BM: Toronto... FC? Toronto Maple Leafs?

AD: You watched one of the games. Maybe two. In Halifax.

BM: Dal Tigers? Soccer?

AD: Yeah. (laughs)

✓ **HALF-POINT**

Who is Ashley's favourite athlete?

BM: ... Me?

AD: Yeah. (laughs)

BM: You always do better than me... ✓

What is Ashley's biggest pet peeve?

BM: When people chew really loud.

AD: Yeah.

☺: That's impressive. That's really good.

BM: Learn those ones pretty quick. ✓

If Ashley could listen to only one musician for the rest of eternity, who would it be?

BM: Forever... Hm.

AD: This is a hard one, because it was hard to think of.

BM: Yeah, you like a lot of different stuff. Beyoncé.

AD: No! (laughs) Starts with a 'B' then an 'E,' though. And it rhymes with ten.

BM: Ben Howard, really? Yeah?

☺: I'll have to figure out if that one actually counts.

BM: I don't think so... ✗

What is Ashley's favourite hang-out spot in Halifax?

BM: Waterfront.

AD: Yes.

BM: Yes!

☺: Back on track. ✓

What personal athletic achievement is Ashley most proud of?

BM: (pauses) Coming to Dal and playing for Dal? AUS championships? CIS nationals? All those?

AD: Yeah. [Answer was: Winning Atlantic University Sport (AUS) championship two years in a row] ✓

What is Ashley's favourite movie?

BM: *The Notebook*.

AD: And something else.

BM: Uh, *Paranormal Activity*. (laughs)

AD: *White Chicks*! We literally talked about this.

BM: (laughs regretfully) *White Chicks*. ✓ **HALF-POINT**

What makes Ashley laugh, every time?

BM: Oh... There's a lot of different things. The turtle joke?

AD: Yeah. (they both laugh)

DG: What's the turtle joke?

BM: It's not even my joke. Two turtles are sitting by a pond, and one turtle says (begins drawing out every syllable, like a turtle) 'When it rains, do you get water in your mouth?' And the other turtle says, (puts on turtle voice again) 'no.'

AD: (laughing) That is a good one. I like it.

BM: You can't really write it down. You need to see it happen. ✓

According to Ashley, what's the better sport: soccer or hockey?

BM: Soccer.

AD: (laughs) Tough one.

☺: It would have been really interesting if one of you had said the opposite.

AD: I already said I thought he was my favourite athlete. And he didn't say I was.

☺: True.

BM: I'll never live that one down. You are my favourite athlete.

AD: Thank you. ✓

According to Ashley, where was your first kiss?

BM: In her room.

AD: Yeah. Good times. ✓

What is Ashley's favourite exercise routine?

BM: Squats.

AD: Yeah.

☺: What about least favourite?

AD: It's conditioning...

BM: Running?

AD: Yeah, sprints. I hate them. ✓

What is Ashley's favourite book?

BM: Book... I can't say. Really? (Ashley nods) *Fifty Shades of Grey*. (laughs) Can I really say that? ✓

Who has been the most influential role model in Ashley's life?

BM: Mama bear?

AD: Mama bear.

BM: Yeah, her mom's awesome. ✓

What does Ashley consider to be her best quality?

BM: She has so many amazing qualities, but... she makes me laugh all the time. Very funny. (turns to Ashley) What do you think?

AD: People think I'm funny.

BM: Is that what you think your best quality is?

AD: Yeah...

BM: That's not what you were thinking of.

AD: No, I like that one. I also don't take 'no' for an answer. That's a big one, I'd say.

BM: That's a good one. Most of the time.

AD: Most of the time, yeah. I've been working on that, though. (laughs) I'm opening my mind to different opinions. It's crucial in a relationship. ✓ **HALF-POINT**

And again, finally, the most important question: Team Edward or Team Jacob?

BM: You were Edward.

AD: Yep. ✓

BEN'S SCORE:
12.5/15 - 83%

THE TICKER: SWIM

By Benjamin Blum
Keisha Mills representing Dal.
••• Photo by Dustin Silvey



Men's and women's AUS reign continues

It has been a long time since a Tigers swim team didn't return from the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) with a championship banner. Buoyed by the performances of swimmers of the meet **David Sharpe** and **Alison Grant**, as well as rookie of the meet **Paige Robillard**, the teams owned the podium in St. John's, Nfld. The women's team, whose championship run extends back to the 2001-02, is matched only by the men's team's run that goes back to 1998-99. With a medal haul of 26 gold, 11 silver and 12 bronze, it was another strong performance from the Tigers. ☺

THE TICKER: TRACK AND FIELD

By Benjamin Blum

Sprinter Allister Mason earned second place in the 300-metre and fourth in the 600-metre. ••• Photo by Chris Parent

Dal hosts only meet of season

The Canada Games Centre played host to the Maritime's finest in track and field on Feb. 8. The Dalhousie women's team performed strongly, earning 13 podium spots, including a silver and bronze-worthy performances by **Ellen Chappell**, who also

runs cross-country. On the men's side, the Tigers earned 11 top three finishes, with four of them claiming first in their respective events. The team will now prepare for the AUS championship in Moncton on Feb. 22. ☺



2014'S MOST ELIGIBLE TIGERS

Find me a find, catch me a catch

They're hot. They're athletic. They're talented. But most importantly...they're single. We've hand-picked seven of Dalhousie's most eligible varsity bachelors and bachelorettes, sat down with them and got a better a sense of the do's and don'ts of their love lives off the field of play. Whether you're looking for a swimmer who gets freaky to Lady Gaga, or a basketball player who likes to two-step, we've got all that and more. So strap in, it's time for the third edition of Dalhousie's Most Eligible Tigers. Take notes, folks. An opportunity like this doesn't arise every day.

Graeme Benjamin, Goyische Yente Extraordinaire ••• Photos by Amin Helal



Ainsley Fraser, 20
Swimming
Marine Biology

She's fresh on the market: I've never really been in a real relationship.

Start hitting the gym, guys: I like a guy with great abs and who is athletic.

Dating deal-breaker: A smoker.

Favourite song to hook up to: Kaboom - Lady Gaga

First kiss: By the toilets at summer camp.

Don't take her to: The casino.

Valentine's Day thoughts?: Great excuse to eat a lot of candy.

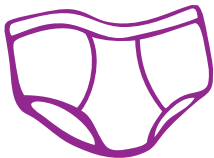
Celebrity crush: Jimmy Fallon.

In her free time, you can catch her: On Buzzfeed.

Why should someone date you?: Our suits leave nothing to the imagination.

Her downtown spot: Sadly, usually the Dome. But Alehouse is fun, too.

BOXERS OR BRIEFS?



Will: Boxer-briefs

Dan: Boxer-briefs

Kashrell: Boxer-briefs

John: Boxer-briefs

Ainsley: Briefs

Sarah: Briefs

Alex: Briefs



Sarah Taplin, 19
Triple Jump, Hurdles and Long Jump
Kinesiology

She prides herself on her: Butt.

First kiss: On a bus trip to Saint John there was a bump in the road then we kissed. And then my friend hated me because she had a crush on him.

Longest relationship: A year. And I hated it.

Her turn on: Flow.

Favourite song to hook up to: Freak My Shit - New Boys, but I really don't care about the song.

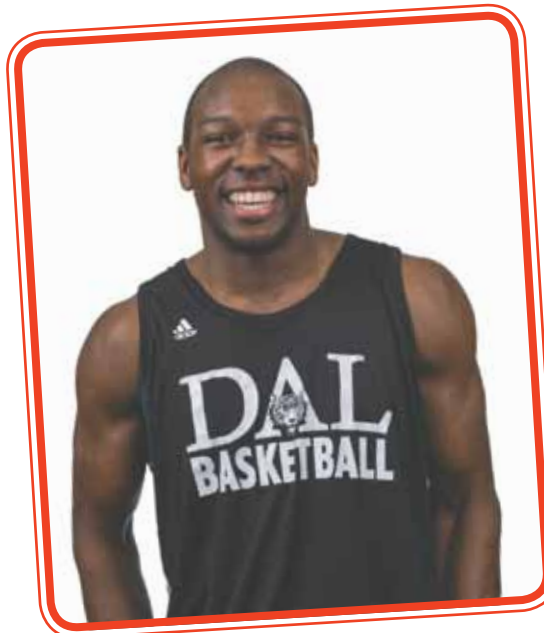
Don't take her to: The movies. I work at the movie theatre but surprisingly hate movies.

Off the track, catch her: Shopping and getting her nails professionally done.

Would you ever date a fan?: No, because I feel they'd have high expectations.

Why should someone date you?: It only takes me three steps to get dirty.

Meet her at: Toothy.



Kashrell Lawrence, 20
Basketball
Commerce

Thoughts on Valentine's Day?: It's overrated.

Likes a good 'smize': The smile and the eyes just draw you in.

And a little personality: She has to be funny and easy to talk to. She can't be a doorknob.

His turn on: A little confidence and aggression.

Don't take him to: The movie theatre.

Worst date: Went for dinner and a movie, then went for dessert, then she got all emotional and left. Didn't see or talk to her for the next month.

Such a thing as soulmates?: I think someone's always there for somebody and there's always a pairing.

Celebrity crush: Katy Perry

Favourite song to hook up to: I'll Make Love To You - Boys II Men

Last movie that made him cry: *The Lion King*

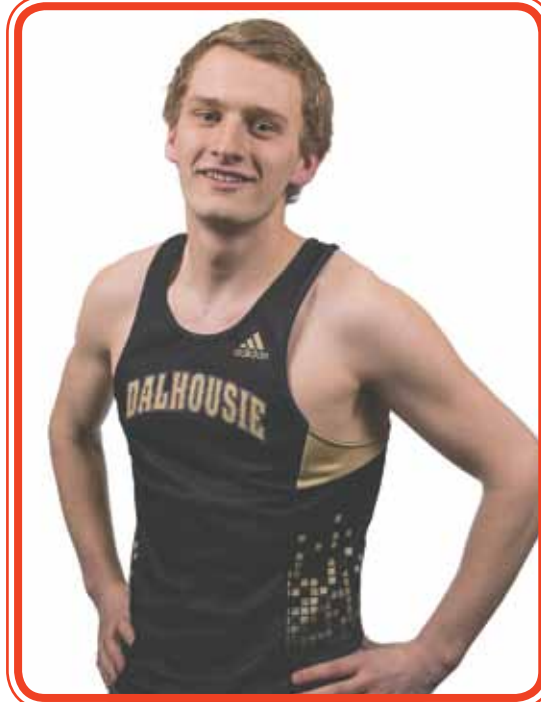
Why should someone date you?: When the time comes, I go hard in the paint.

Find him at: Taboo



Dan Joyce, 25
Hockey
Commerce

He's not afraid of commitment: My longest relationship was four years. I'm a keeper.
Start showin' the pearly whites: She's got to have a great smile.
Make sure to relax: I like a girl who's comfortable and likes to have fun.
Belt it out: She's got to be able to sing in the car with me.
First kiss: In Grade 7 I asked a girl if I gave her some Skittles if I could kiss her and she said yes.
Shortest relationship: One middle school dance.
Worst date: Took a girl to the market, got a spicy wrap and I was sweatin' across the table all night.
Who makes the first move?: I'm usually the one to make a scene and break the ice.
Love at first sight?: Hope so. Still looking for it.
Celebrity crush: Rachel McAdams
Favourite hook up song: Adore You - Miley Cyrus
Why should someone date you?: Not much of a goal scorer, but the only place I do score goals is the five-hole.
Find him at: The Lower Deck



Will Russell, 18
Cross Country/Track and Field
Science

His best trait: Clumsiness. It comes in handy.
Prides himself in: My calves.
He digs: A girl's hair and lower back.
First kiss: Grade 8, in the back of the bus on the way back from the museum.
Ideal first date: I had a nice date getting frozen yogurt and then walked around the park in Waterloo.
Worst date: On Canada Day, we went to see the fireworks, but ended up hanging with her brother all night.
Love at first sight?: Yes.
Turn off: A girl who's really rude.
Celebrity crush: Jennifer Love Hewitt
Favourite song to hook up to: Come On Get Higher - Matt Nathanson
Last movie to make you cry: *Finding Nemo*
Thoughts on Valentine's Day?: It got worse when people stopped giving me chocolate.
Why should someone date you?: I can go average speeds for long periods of time.

SEXTING?



Will: It can be sexy
Dan: Skanky
Kashrell: Skanky
John: Skanky
Ainsley: Stupid.
Sarah: Skanky
Alex: Skanky



John Traboulsi, 21
Basketball
Engineering

What do you do off the court?: I've been a guitar player for 12 years.
What he looks for: Smile, humour and a nice ass.
Ideal first date: Take her to a hockey game.
Take him out dancing: Not grinding, more like the two-step.
First kiss: In kindergarden, I was in swimming lessons with the same girl and it just happened one day.
Turn off: A girl who's super needy.
Love at first sight?: Yes.
Celebrity crush: Katrina Bowden
Song he hooks up to: Anything by the Red Hot Chili Peppers
Last movie that made him cry: *Armageddon*
Why should someone date you?: Coach always says take it to the hole.
Find him at: Alehouse



Alexandra Gunn, 18
Swimming
Commerce

Her first kiss: I don't kiss and tell
She's easy to please: I've never really had a "bad date."
Favourite song to hook up to: It really doesn't matter.
Her favourite Halifax spot: Darrell's.
Away from the pool, you can catch her: Exploring downtown Halifax, especially the restaurants.
A guy who can sing or dance?: Definitely dance.
She'll give so much more than she gets: I do believe in soulmates, but I definitely haven't met them yet.
On a first date, don't take her to: A strip joint. I know as swimmers we're half-naked all the time, but still.
She swoons over: The Hemsworth brothers.
Why should someone date you?: I like it on my back and front.

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Early championship edge for men's volleyball

Tigers win third game amid injuries

Hamzeh Hadad
Sports Contributor

In what has become an Atlantic University Sport (AUS) tradition over the past 10 years, Dalhousie is squaring off against the University of New Brunswick for the men's volleyball title.

The Tigers entered the final in first place with a 13-4 record to give them home court advantage in the best-of-three series against the defending champion Varsity Reds.

It took a fifth and deciding set to determine the winner on Feb. 7, with the Tigers taking the first game of the AUS championship series 3-2.

The Munro Day match provided fans at the Dalplex with a tight battle, with the Tigers and Varsity Reds alternating 26-24

set wins to open play. The Tigers failed to capitalize on their game point in the second set, surrendering four straight points to lose the set.

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“THE CROWD WAS AWESOME”

The Reds started the third start strongly with a five-point lead. A timeout by head coach Dan Ota got the Tigers' composure back, and they were able to take the third set 25-21. However, UNB answered back in the fourth set and tied the game at 2-2 with a 25-20 set win.

“It wasn't always perfect but our



Three Tigers players prepare for an offensive outburst. • • • Photo by Chris Parent

guys played well at the important points,” says Ota, who praised the team's composure. “Our guys held it together in a very emotional charged atmosphere.”

The Tigers won the deciding set 15-12 courtesy of a couple of aces by Jonathan MacDonald and Connor Maessen before Kristen O'Brien took the match point. The

Tigers took Game 1 of the best-of-three series and saluted the home crowd.

“The crowd was awesome,” says Tigers captain and player of the game Bryan Duquette. “I didn't take a look too long into the crowd, but it was probably the most I've seen for a volleyball match.”

Game 2 of the series will be on Feb. 15 in Fredericton, with the Tigers hoping to retake the AUS crown they lost last year.

“The pressure is all on them, it's their home crowd, we are up one,” says outside hitter Glenn Lassaline. “They have to do something special and we have to take that away from them.” **9**

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Friday, February 14

SUBWAY AUS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

5:00pm MUN vs. UdeM, 7:00pm UNB vs. Acadia

MEN'S HOCKEY vs UNB, Halifax Forum, 7:00pm

Saturday, February 15

SUBWAY AUS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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MEN'S HOCKEY vs UdeM, Halifax Forum, 7:00pm

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"Jennifer Lawrence"
Justin Jamieson
1st-year Engineering



"Andrey, my boyfriend"
Mimi Cahill
1st-year Informatics



"Emily, my friend"
Nicole Pinsent
2nd-year Biology

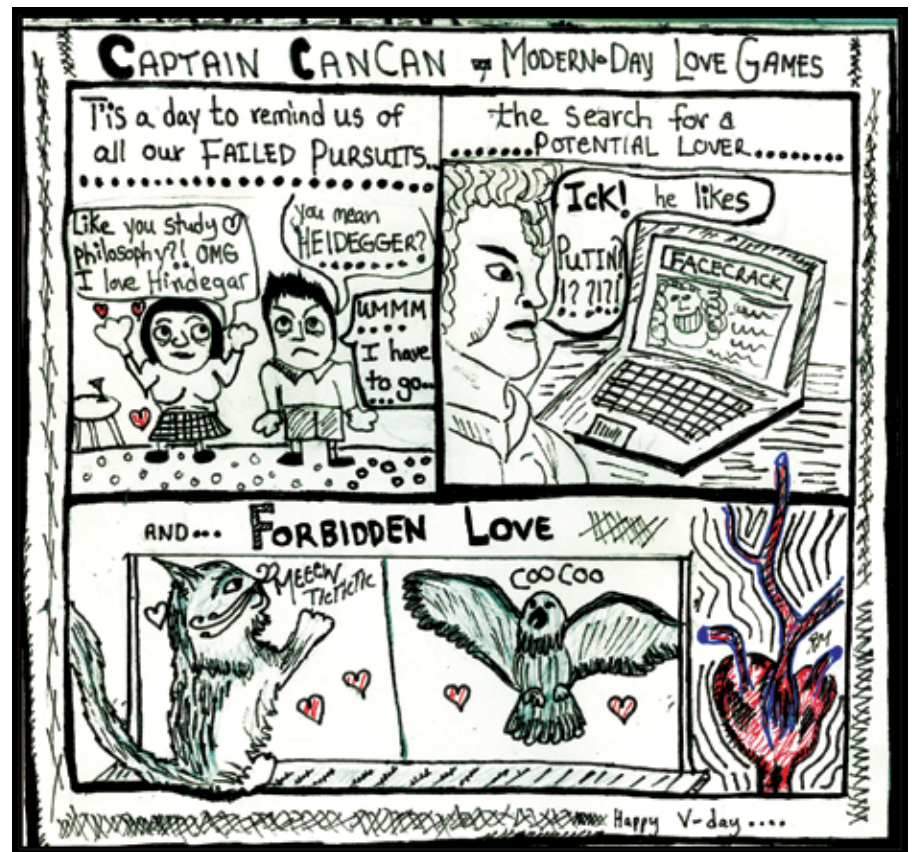


"Tyra Banks"
Ryan Butler-Fox
1st-year science



"Kiran" [pictured, left]
Dylan Flinn
1st-year science

Captain Can Can of the Horse Marines by Kat Moore



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Happy Valentine's Day

Workshop: Thinking about science: Certificates and minors, 11:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. in Alumni Room, University Club

Valentine's Day Murder Mystery, hosted by Dal After Dark. University Club Dining Hall (Hot appetizers, desserts and mocktails will be served) 7 p.m. Tickets available. Email [HYPERLINK "mailto:afterdark@dal.ca"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:afterdark@dal.ca) to RSVP.

Men's hockey: UNB at Dalhousie, 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum

Pink Triangle Day South House and the DSU Equity and Accessibility office celebrate Canada's annual gay holiday with palatine's and free sexual health supplies. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the SUB

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Emergency First Aid course, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. in the LSC/ Dalplex (\$70 students)

Yoga in Residence - Flow & Restore, 2-3:15 p.m. in the Shirreff Hall Study Lounge. Free for all Dal students. Please bring a mat.

Women's volleyball AUS semifinal: TBA vs. Dalhousie, 4:30 p.m. at the Dalplex

Men's hockey: Moncton at Dalhousie, 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

AUS women's volleyball championship, 2 p.m. at the Dalplex

MONDAY, FEB. 17

Reading Week. No classes, Monday-Friday.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

Dalhousie Toastmasters - Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. Council chambers, Student Union Building
Film screening: Black Mother, Black Daughter and Portia White: Think On Me, 8 p.m. at Dal Art Gallery

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

Data Privacy Conference, 1- 5 p.m. in McCain Building, Ondaatje Hall (registration required)

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Men's volleyball AUS championship Game 3 (if necessary) - UNB at Dalhousie, 7 p.m. at the Dalplex.

MONDAY, FEB. 24

Dalhousie Senate Meeting, 4-6 p.m. in University Hall, Macdonald Building

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Old Heart by Amber Solberg



Hoo-Haw by Andrea Flockhart

HOOHAW

I was having coffee with my mom and she told me that when she was my age, she would go swimming at the lake every day in the summer.

That's where she met my father, a 300-pound magical fish.

"Oh, so that's how you met dad," I said.

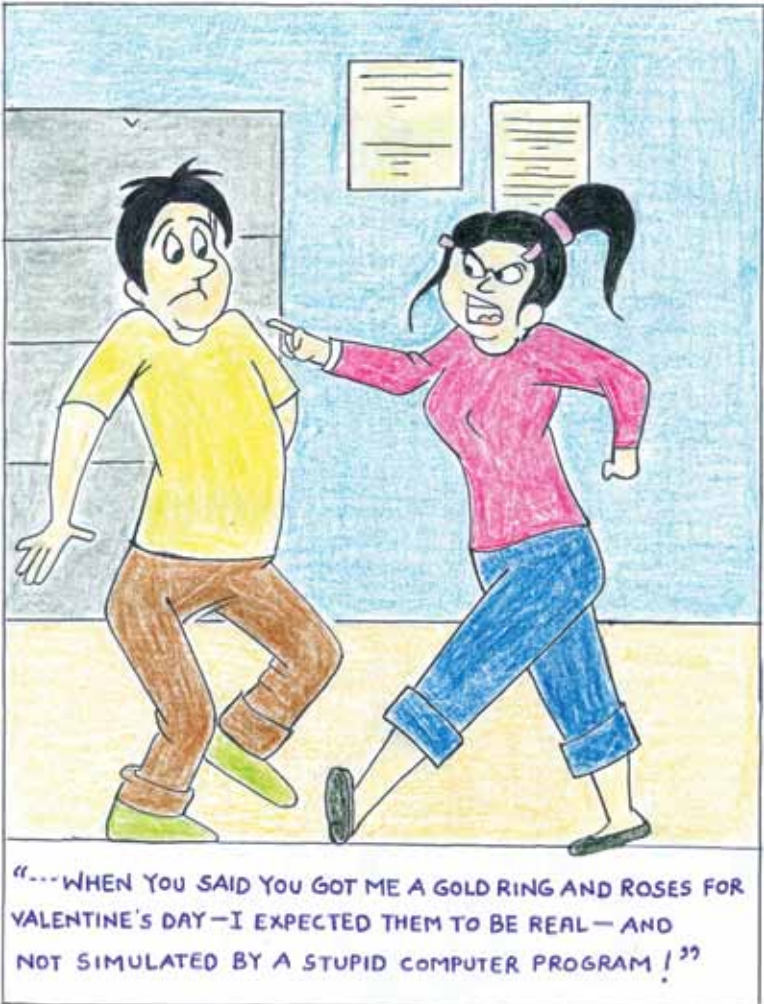
"He had a motorcycle at the time," said my mom. "That was neat."



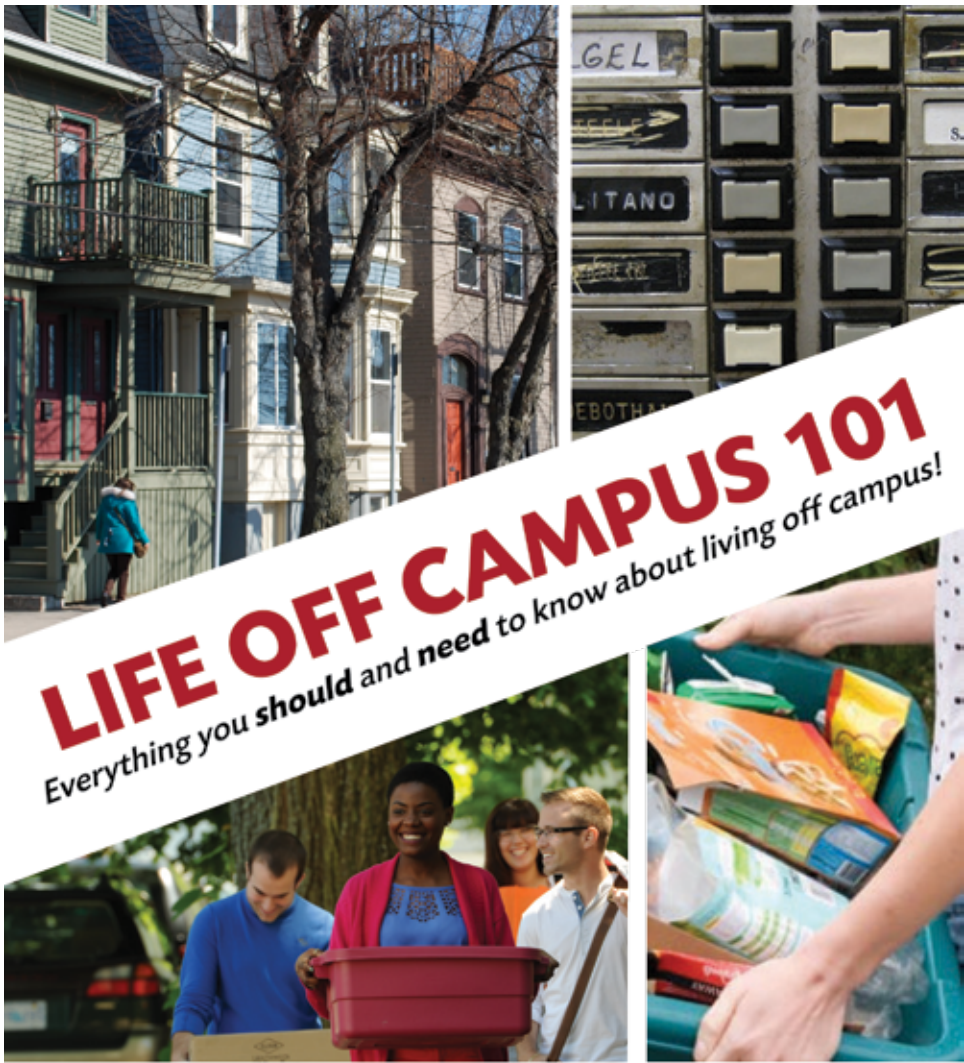
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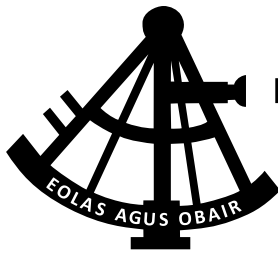
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5th Year Industrial

You can't have it both ways

Stepping back and evaluating our role in the energy industry

As a soon-to-graduate engineering student, I regularly hear, "so what now? Where are you going to go?" To which I reply, "oil and gas, if I'm lucky." This usually results in either a complete halt in the conversation, or a disorganized, yet predictable lecture outlining the many evils of this industry. Normally I just nod and think about what I'm going to have for dinner, but a recent iteration of this song and dance struck a chord with me. No, I didn't finally wake up and commit my life to saving sweet Mother Nature; I just became painfully aware of the pervasive hypocrisy, apathy, and ignorance of the general public with respect to the dynamics of oil and gas.

The particular encounter of which I speak started and ended just like all of the others. Having explained my career aspirations, I received a sermon on the dangers of pipelines from someone with a conspicuous lack of an engineering or technical background. I brushed it off as I typically do and moved on to more palatable conversation. However, what followed this enlightening discussion absolutely made my blood boil. Not five minutes after vilifying an entire industry, I overheard this certain individual discussing the best

places to go for a cruise (the Arctic, for anyone interested).

How this person could support an industry that employs vista-class cruise ships, each burning upwards of 1200 tons of bunker-C, heavy oil for a seven day cruise, while not supporting the industry that makes this luxury possible is beyond hypocritical, it's absolutely ludicrous. It's also symptomatic of a frighteningly common mindset in our society. That is, "I want to live exactly how I want to and then put all of the blame on those who make my lifestyle possible".

Every other week on my campus, there's an event railing against the oil and gas industry, frequented by iPhone-toting, voluntourism-going "environmentalists". Now don't get me wrong, I fully support having an environmental conscience- in fact, environmental stewardship is a huge component of what we learn as engineering students. What does not sit well with me, however, is the aggressive denial of our implicit role in the oil and gas industry, even if one is not directly involved in it. The impression I get from my more "green" contemporaries is that one's oil and gas usage doesn't count if you subscribe to certain set of beliefs.

The petroleum derivatives in your iPhone don't count if you use it to organize green-activism events on Facebook. The thousands of liters of aircraft-grade fuel burnt in a single flight are a write-off if they're used to get you to Thailand for a week or two of volunteering. Maybe you can see where I'm going with this.

Again, I do not take issue with making efforts to reduce our environmental impact or improve the world around us, but dealing with this convoluted mindset is becoming increasingly tedious. If we do not, as a society, understand and, more importantly, acknowledge the far reaching implications of our consumption rates and behaviours, we will never make any appreciable progress towards responsible, sustainable energy production and usage.

Therefore, the next time you plan on asking an industry, whose effects are both significant and far-ranging, to make sacrifices, take a minute and think about how these sacrifices will affect you and your lifestyle. Are you willing to bet on solar panels and wind turbines and give up the luxuries that oil and gas provide you? You can't have it both ways. ☹



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