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Student feels her voice was lost over sound complaint Surprised to learn university housing doesn't follow Residency Act



Lily Yang wants students in university housing to know their rights. • • • Photo by Chris Parent

Jesse Ward
Assistant News Editor

When the community room next door to her apartment was too loud for her comfort, Lily Yang thought she could rely on the Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Act to secure peace and quiet for her and her son.

It was a surprise, then, when she discovered her Dalhousie-owned apartment wasn't subject to the act.

Yang, a graduate of Dalhousie's Master of Public Administration Program, had lived at Peter Green Hall when the noise started.

A 112-unit apartment building, Peter Green Hall is owned by Dalhousie University and operated by the Halifax Student Housing Society.

The building only houses parents and common-law or married couples, studying either at Dal or Saint Mary's University, and is located between the two schools on Wellington Street.

Yang liked the idea of living in a community apartment building. She thought it would be great for her then two-year-old son, as there would be other students with children, so it's where she chose to live when she moved

from Ontario to study at Dal.

In Sept. 2013, a community room was opened in the unit adjacent to hers. She soon suffered from the noise it produced, and was surprised she wasn't consulted about the room prior to its installation.

"I had my apprehensions about it at first," says Yang, "and I said I'll give it a try, but I was almost certain it would be really noisy."

The room, bookable by any of the building's residents who all agreed to its terms of use, was soon being used for social events.

Yang says she heard balloons popping during birthday parties,

and drawers being slammed shut.

Initially, music kept her and her son up until 10 p.m., when putting him to bed would be a nightmare.

The noise was too much for Yang to bear.

"It filtered through my living room, my kitchen, the bathroom, the bedroom," she says. "There was no escape from it."

After she first filed a complaint about it, Yang says, residents were told music was no longer to be played in the room.

While the building has a two-strike rule for noise violations that can ultimately result in eviction, Yang was surprised a similar policy wasn't enforced for the com-

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On the cover:

Lily Yang now lives in the basement of a residence on Jubilee Road after deciding to leave Peter Green Hall, a university-owned apartment complex, over noise complaints. Her account is this week's cover story, seen on Pg. 3-4.

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munity room.

She was also surprised a residential unit would be converted in such a way.

"From my experience living in apartment buildings, social rooms are not where people live. They're not in the residential area for a reason, because they're too noisy," says Yang.

"And if they are, it's sound-proofed properly, so that other people's peace and tranquility are not disturbed."

Yang says she spoke with the building's superintendents twice, and e-mailed them and the board of directors with noise complaints. She feels she wasn't taken seriously.

She thought she could rely on the noise bylaws set out in the Residential Tenancies Act.

The Residential Tenancies Act is a piece of legislation setting out all the rules, responsibilities and rights of being a landlord or tenant in Nova Scotia.

It turned out that as the building was Dalhousie property, the Act did not apply.

Like hotels, nursing homes and jails, university-owned properties are not covered under the Residential Tenancies Act.

Like other residences and housing units owned by Dal, Peter Green Hall is instead subject to internal rules.

Yang says when she called 311, Nova Scotia's information number for municipal services, she was told her apartment would fall under the tenancy act.

She then consulted two lawyers, one at Dalhousie and one at Nova Scotia Legal Aid, who both said it wouldn't.

While most rental units are covered by the act, meaning Residential Tenancies officers can mediate any landlord-tenant disputes, students living on university property have to find other means to file grievances.

"I hope students know that," says Yang, "because where else would you launch your complaints when you have a legitimate complaint?"

She says the only legal course of action she could have taken would

have been going to Small Claims Court, which she didn't have the energy to do.

The Peter Green Hall website makes no mention of the Residential Tenancies Act, including on its application form. It does refer to the fact that it is owned by

..... "THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM IT"

Dalhousie.

Yang says that after a month of waiting to hear back from someone, the community room was temporarily closed in October to undergo soundproofing.

Aaron Windsor, president of the Halifax Student Housing Society, says the community room was discussed at the building's board of directors meetings held in the year before its creation.

Windsor says the meetings were open to everyone in Peter

Green Hall, and all residents were expected to attend at least one meeting as part of their terms of living in the building.

He says decibel limitations and hours of operation were discussed at these meetings.

According to Windsor, e-mails with an agenda attached were sent to the building's residents before the meetings happened.

He says the implementation of a social room was on the agenda in these e-mails, but he can't say whether the room number was announced in these same e-mails. He says the room number was mentioned twice during the meetings.

In Jan. 2013, the room was approved by the building's volunteer-only board of directors, as well as by Dalhousie. Windsor says the board contacted the city and got legal documentation for the change.

The room was ready by May, but first taken to the semi-annual general meeting, where Windsor says it was approved by all members in attendance.

Yang says she doesn't remember being emailed about these meetings.

"They may have done it, but I was busy with exams," says Yang.

"Most of us are parents, and we're full-time students. We don't have time for that."

Sound-dampening panels have now been installed, and the room is back in operation. Windsor says it is frequently used for quiet activities.

Yang says she's concerned that in situations like hers, international students may not understand their right to call the police.

She says that when she has lived abroad, she didn't know the rules, so she wouldn't complain about things she would complain about in Canada.

"When you have noise seeping into your unit, you have every right to contact the police," says Yang. "Disturbance is a broad term and it may vary per person, but if it disturbs one, that's too many." ☹

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Three weeks in a mental health ward

Morgan Hawkes reveals how bipolar disorder got the better of her



Morgan Hawkes spoke about her mental health experience at an open mic event earlier this month. ••• Photo by Chris Parent

Ian Froese
Editor-in-Chief

The first lines on the road-map to where Morgan Hawkes found herself only a few weeks ago, inside the bounds of a mental health ward, could have been plotted several years ago.

It began in high school. Each year, for about a month at a time, she battled something. Whether it was the panic attack that hospitalized her, sleep deprivation or losing interest in the sports she loved, her mental health was only constant in its upheaval.

She wasn't shy about sharing these struggles with the people closest to her. She grew up in a single parent household, and her mother was always there for her. Her friends were supportive, too.

When high school was nearing its end, she wrestled with the decision to leave Fredericton and come to Dalhousie. She knew the

change might hinder her mental health, but decided the personal growth would outweigh the costs.

That first year of university was challenging. Her debut season on Dal's cross-country team was strong, but she battled anxiety and earned a less than impressive 1.85 GPA. Her anemia, the result of a decrease in red blood cell counts, elicited fatigue and poor recovery after workouts.

Despite numerous setbacks, she always got back up and brushed herself off.

Hawkes' second year at Dal was a drastic improvement. She met her boyfriend, Matthias Mueller, who she is still with today.

She also looked within herself for comfort.

"You could ask anybody on the team, I definitely matured a lot," she says. "I got my priorities in line. I guess you could say I sucked it up a bit more."

Hawkes' story, though, does not end there. She spent the major-

ity of last fall, now her third year as a kinesiology student, battling depression. Again, she pressed forward. She didn't seek outside help, kept taking anxiety medication and relied on her support network to help her get by.

By January, her situation worsened.

She slept for no more than an hour or two before a track and field meet on Jan. 18. That day, her mental capacities collapsed.

Hawkes expelled all her energy into her leg of an 800-metre relay, and was still about 14 seconds slower than her usual time.

It was then her head coach Rich Lehman asked if she wanted to go to the hospital.

"And I remember completely bawling, getting down into the fetal position and being like, yeah, I think I should," recalled Hawkes.

Looking back, Lehman knows the signs were there in the days preceding the race, when conversations with Hawkes began mak-

ing less sense.

"I don't really know how to describe it—I do now—it got to the point where by the meet, it was very clearly a manic issue," he says, "but a week before then it was like, man, Morgan's in a great mood."

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The few days before and after Hawkes' admittance into the Abby J. Lane mental health unit at the QEII Health Sciences Centre are faint memories. She remembers a few moments that make her laugh, like when she donated some of her belongings because she thought it was Christmas.

"Honestly, until that day [at the track meet], I probably had four days where it's a big blur prior to being in the hospital. It took that day to realize there was something wrong that I wouldn't be able to fix by myself," she says.

Hawkes was diagnosed with

bipolar disorder, a condition where individuals experience elevated moods, which are often countered by periods of depression.

On Feb. 11, she was discharged from the psychiatric ward. As fate would have it, she ran into an individual in the SUB who was inviting people to an open mic session put on by the Dalhousie Mental Health Peer Support Group.

Only hours after her discharge, Hawkes found herself standing in front of a room of mostly strangers, telling her tale. The people close to her had been aware of her challenges—now she was confident enough to go public.

"I had someone tell me afterwards, 'You seem like you're at peace, you seem like you're very sure of yourself,'" she says. "It was pretty liberating; that's exactly how I feel."

There is no 'cure' for bipolar disorder. Hawkes anticipates she will take medication for the rest of her life, and encounter similar struggles again.

Hawkes admits she's still dealing with the aftereffects of her three weeks in a mental health ward, but she is in a happier place. Last weekend, she was a trainer with the Tigers track and field teams at the regional championships. She hopes to resume competitive running soon.

"I'm really enjoying doing things based on what I want to do, and not based on what anybody else wants me to do."

Lehman says the 20-year-old's challenges have been a learning experience for everyone, from Hawkes to her teammates and himself. By knowing about one more person battling a mental illness, more people will learn how prevalent and serious they are.

"I've learned a lot over the last few weeks because I plan on coaching this girl for a lot longer. I don't plan on this being the end of her [running] career and I don't think she does either," he says. ☺

Hawkes will discuss her bipolar disorder for a class presentation open to the public. It will take place Monday, Mar. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the LSC, room C236.

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No plot holes here City responding to potholes quickly, even if it doesn't seem like it

Sabina Wex
Staff Contributor

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In front of the Student Union Building, a 150-centimetre pothole lies on the right side of University Avenue.

That's almost five feet long. Yet the pothole is only about three centimetres deep, making it a non-priority pothole for Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). The city's website says priority potholes on main roads, such as University Avenue, must have a depth of eight centimetres or more. Only then, "as resources permit," could the pothole be filled within seven days.

The pores of aging asphalt increase in size, making it easier for precipitation to get in. In cold weather, the precipitation freezes and expands, warping the pavement. When the temperature rises, the frozen precipitation base melts and the pavement collapses. As vehicles drive over the baseless pavement, the pressure forces the pavement to collapse, creating a pothole.

The majority of potholes on Dalhousie campus are on Uni-

versity Avenue and LeMarchant Street. The potholes range from two to eight centimetres deep. Potholes less than three centimetres deep don't even get scheduled for maintenance because they are not an "immediate hazard," according to the HRM website.

On Feb. 4, the HRM filled 30 potholes on LeMarchant Street in the area between South Street and University Avenue. Three potholes on University Avenue by South Park Street were repaired on Jan. 20.

The city has an open work order to repair the potholes at the University and LeMarchant intersection, as well as in that proximity. The work should start once weather conditions improve and the resources are available.

Dalhousie's director of security, Michael Burns, says he hasn't gotten many complaints so far.

"We have gotten one or two complaints in relation to potholes in some of our parking lots from time to time," says Burns, "but I don't believe there's been any serious damage."

Potholes don't often get patched during the winter because it's

likely that rain or melting snow will seep back into the asphalt, creating another pothole. "Traditionally, you would see greater amounts of patching in the spring," Bryson said, "but we have our own kind of mobile box that we can patch."

The mobile boxes contain hot asphalt to cover up the pothole. Cold asphalt isn't as stable an alternative as hot asphalt because it is easier to rip up when a vehicle drives over it. The Dalplex potholes have been filled in many times with cold asphalt or gravel, but as soon as a snowplow runs over the filled potholes, it rips up the filler.

"The only way to keep ahead of it is to get maintenance done in summer and fall," says Burns.

Burns encourages drivers to slow down if they see a pothole to reduce damage to their car. They should then report the pothole to the HRM customer service line.

"It may not help you out if you hit it," says Burns, "but it certainly will help with people the next day who go by so that the city can fix it." ☎

DSU election schedule set

Only two debates booked

Ian Froese
Editor-in-Chief

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After the candidates have shaken some hands and delivered fliers, students will decide who will comprise next year's Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive.

The student union's executive positions of president, vice-president academic and external, vice-president internal and vice-president student life will be decided on Friday, Mar. 14 following three days of voting and a preceding seven days of campaigning.

Dalhousie students will also vote for three students to join the senate and one individual to fill the vacant student spot on the board of governors.

At least 10 referendum questions are expected on the ballot.

The whirlwind election process begins with the nomination period, which began on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and runs

until Monday, Mar. 3. After the paperwork has been filed, the candidates will attend a meeting to go over the rules the next day.

The campaign starts on Wednesday, Mar. 5. Two debates, held in the lobby of the Student Union Building (SUB), will highlight the week-long canvassing period.

Students will head to the polls from Wednesday, Mar. 12 to Friday, Mar. 14, both on campus and online. The winners will be announced on the last evening of the campaign.

Chief returning officer David Nguyen is only planning one debate for each position, a departure from previous elections. Most nominees will be involved in the vice-presidents' forum on Thursday, Mar. 6, while the candidates in the running for DSU president will debate their platform's merits on Tuesday, Mar. 11. Faculty society positions are not included in these two debates. ☎

Nomination period	Wednesday, Feb. 26, 11:59 p.m. to Monday, Mar. 3, 12 p.m.
All-candidates meeting	Tuesday, Mar. 4, 7 p.m., Location TBA
Campaign period	Wednesday, Mar. 5, 12:01 a.m. to Tuesday, Mar. 11, 11 p.m.
Vice-presidents' forum	Thursday, Mar. 6, 12-2 p.m., SUB lobby
DSU presidential debate	Tuesday, Mar. 11, 12-2pm, SUB lobby
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Can we consent on consent?

We should know that only yes means yes

Krista Alexander
Opinions Contributor

After being inspired by NSCAD's similar campaign last year, the University of King's College held its first-ever 'consent week' from Feb. 10-14 this year. This was likely not the only reason the King's Student Union (KSU) decided to dedicate a week to the topic, as debate over what consent means has been rampant on the east coast in recent months.

The fall semester began with video footage of Saint Mary's University orientation week leaders teaching first-year students a chant encouraging the sexual assault of underage women. This came after Rehtaeh Parsons, a Nova Scotia high school student, completed suicide in April 2013 after her alleged rape. Parsons was intoxicated to the point of vomiting and had little memory of what happened, a clear sign she was in no position to give consent in that moment. Just like many situations in university, alcohol likely played a part in her inability to convey that she was not interested in sexual advances.

While drinking, sexual choices are often not what a person might choose to do when sober. Either too drunk to say no or drunk enough that their state of mind is altered, people can regret their choices the following day. To avoid this, campaigns have been developed to encourage students to make sure their partner is as actively engaged as they are, and to refrain from attempting to sexually coerce someone who has been drinking. Dalhousie's 'Get Consent' campaign follows four main pillars: "no" means no, silence means no, drunk means no and "not now" means no. The Dal campaign shows the positive growth sexual assault cam-

paigns have made, switching from teaching victims to avoid being assaulted to teaching people not to sexually assault.

But what university campaigns like these don't recognize are the other reasons many people chose not to say no. There seems to be a social stigma around those who leave a situation when they decide they're uncomfortable with where it's going. Particularly in university, people might feel obligated to have sex because they think everyone else is and are afraid of what might be said if they don't. Scared of being deemed a "tease" or of disappointing their partner, many young women feel that becoming submissive to whatever sexual endeavor desired is the route to go.

This plays to age-old sexist theories that view women as dormant relative to men, not having sexual desires of their own and partaking in it solely for the sake of men. This is untrue, as sex should be just as enjoyable for both parties. Consent during a sexual encounter should be ongoing, but young people often do not have the self-assurance to leave a situation when they realize it is not something they want. Although the Canadian Federation of Student's (CFA) 'No Means No' campaign is a helpful initiative, the only way to fully address the social pressures surrounding sex and the factor alcohol plays in the university environment is by promoting the message that only yes means yes.

The 'no means no' campaign, which the KSU supports, puts the responsibility on the pursued party to stop anything they are not comfortable with. 'Yes means yes' reverses the situation, and means the pursuing party must refrain from advancements unless the other person specifically says they are interested. That way, in situa-



We need to reframe consent campaigns to understand that only yes means yes. ••• Photo by Jassperet Sahib

tions where someone is too drunk to refuse, they are also too drunk to consent, and students who have heard the 'yes means yes' message are more likely to refrain from trying anything with that person.

Although a world where every-

one listens to the 'yes means yes' message is mostly a dream, by promoting the mantra we are one step closer to living it. Body language is easy to misinterpret, drinks are easy to overdo and the issue of consent is as clear as

mud. But by promoting that only 'yes means yes,' we can hopefully decrease the number of young people who wake up Saturday morning and regret the night before. ☹

It's OK to be SAD

There's help

Laura Churchman
Opinions Contributor

In recent years, mental health awareness and reported forms of mental instability have increased. The Mental Health Commission of Canada states that one in five Canadians experience mental health problems.

Contemporary understandings of mental health address the effect of stress not only on mental health, but also physical health. Many people treated for heart disease, asthma, Alzheimer's and other common illnesses are told to practice stress management. If issues of stress lead to mental illness as well as other health concerns, people should place importance on practicing stress management just as they would practice healthy dietary habits and commitment to physical activity.

Academic expectations at any university cause students to feel

stressed, making many students susceptible to depression. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a common form of depression that could potentially be affecting more Dalhousie students than people realize. The disorder can have mild effects on many students, and the winters we experience in Halifax for much of the academic year are a contributing factor to this form of depression.

There are a number of students at Dalhousie who are living away from home and are unable to see their families regularly. For me, it is important to take a break from the Halifax winter—even just going back to Ontario to spend time with family. This is a luxury that many students may not have, and they're spending breaks in Halifax while many of their friends are away.

With mental health awareness on the rise, it is becoming more common for people to look for emotional support in other ways.



Heavy workloads and long winters can leave students susceptible to depression. ••• Photo by Asrar Ul Haq

Dalhousie Health Services is one way in which students can find support and address their concerns, limiting further developments of mental illness. As SAD could be affecting many Dal students to some degree, Dalhousie may want to consider making their counselling services more available by reducing appointment limitations.

Students should be aware of how common both stress related depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder are. If you are experiencing these types of issues it is important to make some adjustments early on, before symptoms worsen. Dal offers many different types of extra-curricular activities, like club teams, recreational sports, volunteer opportunities

and fitness classes at the Dalplex. By taking advantage of these programs it's easier to distract yourself from the extreme colds, heavy snowfalls and limited daylight trapping you indoors. ☹

If you believe you may be suffering from a severe form of depression or mental illness, speak to a health care professional.

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Assumptions hurt

Why we should be checking our implicit biases

Josh Fraser
Staff Contributor

In social situations, respecting another person's right to live and grow requires uncovering their needs and responding in a way that serves everyone's best interest. Of course, we don't agonise over every word we speak or write in conversation—it's an issue of limited brain space in a world full of distractions. Excuses, excuses, right?

Not so fast. The fields of psychology and philosophy are beginning to show the surprising ease with which our minds can play tricks on us; implicit bias is perhaps our most damaging cognitive quirk. As the name suggests, these kinds of assumptions are buried in the way we assess one another (and ourselves) out of necessity and habit. Words that link the subject of assessment to any social group carry a ton

of baggage, no matter how open your mind is. As if that weren't enough, what psychologists call "status quo bias" exploits our fears and insecurities to 'protect' us from change, and we often have to surmount this radical doubting mechanism in order to unlimit our understanding of each other.

A few common examples of innocent assumptions I've witnessed recently illustrate my point. A friend of mine at a party asked another guest several questions which assumed he was straight, when in fact he identifies as bisexual. In student government, a decision about finances was given priority over the interests of transgender students. A professor spoke lightly to the class about the then-upcoming holiday as a source of fun and relaxation when many of us have heavier work schedules on the 'break' to try and earn some cash. Each of these assumptions is understand-

able, but to call them excusable on grounds of ignorance alone is a step too far.

We each have to do the best we can to treat others as people with complex stories. As much progress as we are making on issues that cause social friction, the onus will always be upon the free individual to have an elastic defini-

tion of a human. More than that, we need to learn a deep attentiveness that takes account of the variability of human perspective, particularly in regards to diverse sexualities and gender identities. As biology teaches us, what may seem simple is often complex, and it is easy to have a negative impact despite the best intentions if we

fail to find the limits of our perspective.

Over 2000 years ago, Socrates assumed only his own ignorance. If we can strive for the same, we may find cause to celebrate our differences and curb the fears of rejection that stunt our personal growth. ☹



Explode your status quo bias. Don't make assumptions. ••• Illustration by Emily Davidson

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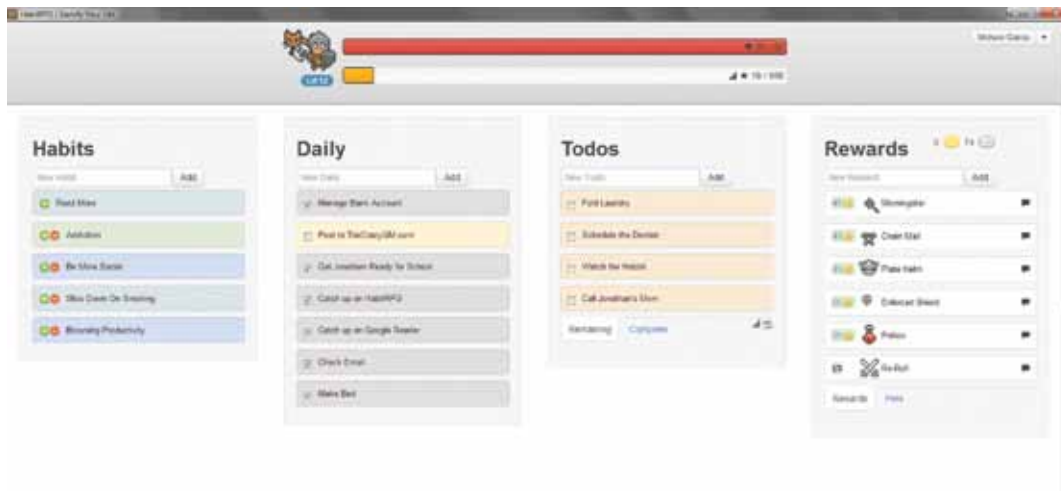
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Slaying the procrastination beast

Will turning your life into a role playing game help you get things done?



HabitRPG only adds more to your packed to-do list. ••• Press image

Zoe Doucette
Assistant Arts Editor

Like many students, I really struggle with time management. Between holding down a job or two, paying bills, trying to find a clean fork, working my way through piles of readings and assignments and attempting to have a healthy body and healthy relationships, things can get stressful.

My outlook on planning fluctuates between doing it tomorrow, and doing it at the last second.

Unsurprisingly, this doesn't work.

Making lists and keeping an assignment calendar has helped to keep the tide at bay, but when I found out about *HabitRPG*, an online and mobile app which claims to help you achieve goals through a retro-RPG style game, I was intrigued.

Could time management be fun? Could this be the answer to my long-standing procrastination problem?

Launched in 2013, the game attempts to incentivize daily task

by turning them into a game. You set habits to form, define daily tasks needed to form you habit and get to work. If you perform your tasks, you are rewarded with experience points and coins. If you don't, your character loses

“COULD TIME MANAGEMENT BE FUN?”

health points.

I set my habit—completing school work ahead of time—and daily tasks. I made a to-do list of extra work which would reward me and help to achieve my goals. Then, I set my rewards. For 20 gold, I could watch a movie and snuggle, and for 10 gold, I would get a Tumblr session.

Did *HabitRPG* help? I would say no.

After completing one of my homework assignments, I found myself unconsciously logging in to Tumblr. I had only received

about two gold for my task—most the 10 I needed to indulge in a reblog orgy. I ended up completing the rest of my assignments for that night, and went on Tumblr anyway. I know. I am a terrible human being.

While I did accomplish more on one day, I quickly bored of the app and stopped updating it. For completing the cleaning chores I assigned myself, I received eight HP, one gold, and 31 silver coins. Other than the satisfaction of removing this from my list, I didn't feel too excited.

HabitRPG didn't make time management any more fun than it already was, but actually gave me one other thing to worry about in a day. It didn't offer enough excitement, or enough difference, compared to my usual lists and planners. It felt more like an irritating *Tatamagouche* that demanded attention for little pay back, and it lacked any of the character focus and adventure you'd expect from an RPG. I'll stick to the usual channels and reward myself with some *Zelda* time when I feel the need. ☹



A modern day Icarus for the smartphone set. ••• Illustration by Amber Solberg

The rise and fall of Flappy Bird

Vaughn Pearson
Staff Contributor

We live in a post-*Flappy Bird* world. As *Angry Birds* changed mobile gaming forever, so too did *Flappy Bird*. Made by one man, Nguyen Ha Dong of Vietnam, in a three-day period, the little game that rocked the world took everyone by surprise. Tap the screen to make your bird flap its wings, and keep it from bumping into randomly generated pipe. Simple as that, yet it grew into an obsession for many. Its incredible difficulty and simultaneous accessibility made it a smash hit overnight.

Though there have been claims this number was pulled out of a hat to draw in more readers, some sites have reported Nguyen was raking in \$50,000 daily at the peak of sales. But alas, one man alone cannot stand against the raving wilds of the internet. Public pressure, hate mail, increasing demand from fans and rumors of possible legal action from Nintendo prompted Nguyen to take down the game.

It immediately became a commodity. Cell phones with *Flappy Bird* installed sold for upwards of \$80,000 (presumably to people who had never heard of copy and

paste). It became the “it” thing to have. A diamond encrusted iPhone 5 could have earned you less prestige than an iPhone 5 with *Flappy Bird* on it. After all, diamonds are relatively common, but there were only so many phones out there with the real, true *Flappy Bird* on it.

Did you know there is a *Flappy Bird* MMO? Yes, that's right, you can play *Flappy Bird* online alongside hundreds of others, all striving to make it past those deadly pipes one click at a time. Gradually the horde of players whittles away as you progress, until you and one other remain, flapping, desperately trying to hold on to your concentration. A sort of camaraderie forms, like two mountaineers running into each other near the peak of Everest. But, you know, with flappy little birds and pipes.

So, do you have *Flappy Bird* on your phone? Do you have the privilege of telling your friends “Yeah, I played *Flappy Bird* before it was cool”? If so, congratulations. You were part of an event that changed mobile gaming, made an obscure Vietnamese developer simultaneously very rich and very depressed, and left all of us flapping for more. ☹



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Why aren't you playing: Guacamelee!

This spicy wrestling game isn't for mild salsa people



Smash like avocado. ••• Press image

Vaughn Pearson

Games Columnist

Is there anything cooler than a luchadore? No, there isn't, and anyone who says otherwise doesn't know what they're talking about!

However, for those who do not know of the wonder that is the luchadore, I shall explain. Simply put, luchadores are Mexican wrestlers. They're known for larger than life personalities, excellent showmanship and, of course, their masks. A luchadore, a good one at least, never reveals their true identity. They are like superheroes who do battle exclusively in the ring. Imagine growing up loving Spiderman, but he's a big, awesome Mexican wrestler and instead of reading his comics you just get to go watch him fight super-villains in person.

Guacamelee! channels all that awesomeness, all the mythology of luchadore culture as well as a hefty dose of Central American culture, into an extremely polished and enjoyable game. A year old at this point, *Guacamelee!* shows no signs of slowing down, recently having been featured in the Humble Indie Bundle 11 alongside five other games.

The game has your character, Juan, rise from his humble rank of agave farmer (the plants responsible for tequila) to hero when, on Día de los Muertos—the day of the dead—the dead actually rise. As skeletal hordes roam the lands, in a style harkening to the vibrant art of that holiday, you are tasked with stopping the evil undead Carlos Calaca.

The game is full of culture and life. Not only Central American culture, but game culture as well. Billboards in the towns you travel through will feature Castillo Crashers, or Megahombre vs El Masko Majoro. To gain new skills, you even have to destroy “Choozo” statues, harkening to the skill granting “Chozo” statues of the Metroid series, which is fitting because the game itself is a master class example of Metroidvania.

Metroidvania refers to any game that is open world and 2D/2.5D, often having areas of the world blocked off until certain tasks are completed or skills are learned. But unlike Metroid or Castlevania, you are learning wrestling moves and gaining powers like the ability to turn into a rooster or shift between the world of the dead and the world of the living.

Platforming grows gradually more difficult, and the combat is fair but challenging. The game never throws anything you shouldn't be able to handle, but it will task you. Playing with a friend can be a real joy, as the game allows you to have one other player hop in as Tostada, a female wrestler and guardian of the magic luchadore mask Juan wears. This balances certain harder moments of combat out, but can make platforming a real chore sometimes. ☹

Guacamelee! is available on PS3, PS Vita, for \$14.99 individually, or cross-buy with DLC included for \$19.99. It is also available through Steam for \$14.99 (All DLC included) on PC, Mac, and Linux.

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Wrapping it up

Joelline Girouard
Sex Columnist

I was 14 years old the first time I encountered a condom. (Yes, it was as awkward as you imagine). Picture a classroom full of teenagers, paired up and stationed in front of wooden penises. Nope, no bananas for us—we got as close to the real deal as was possibly appropriate. Out of a shoebox filled with prophylactics, my friend and I chose a “warm sensations” condom and got to work.

I’ve learned a whole lot more about condoms since that fateful day in health class, and I’m here today to share some of that knowledge with you. (Yes, you!) To save you the trouble, I’ve raided some of HRM’s most popular adult specialty shops to see exactly what’s on offer in terms of barriers.

First, it’s important to know that all hope is not lost for those who have latex allergies.

Venus Envy (1598 Barrington St.) carries both regular and large sized polyisoprene condoms that are suitable for those who are sensitive or allergic to latex. Unlike other non-latex materials, polyisoprene doesn’t feel or look much different from your run-of-the-mill condom. I’ve used the condoms in question, and I like them. For condom-connoisseurs who are sensitive or allergic to lubricants used on condoms, Venus Envy offers non-lubricated options. Ever the comprehensive

boutique, Venus Envy also carries female condoms (as well as dental dams, and non-latex gloves for digital protection). The female condoms aren’t cheap at nearly five bucks a pop, but for those with specific concerns, they could be worth it.

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Because I’d never seen—let alone used—one of these before, I took it upon myself to test one out. As are most condoms, this female condom came lubricated, but it was much, much larger than the typical male condom. It has a ring at the top (similar to a NuvaRing) to aid in inserting and keeping the condom in place, and the bottom is wide enough to cover much of the vulva as it “hangs out.” (My partner referred to it as an ‘apron’, I thought of it more as a ‘skirt’.)

Neither my partner or myself liked the look of this ‘skirt’, and



No matter how specific your needs, this sexy city has you covered. ••• Photo by Joelline Girouard

it made manual stimulation awkward—but for those worried about STIs such as herpes or genital warts, it offers much more protection than a male condom. After all was said and done, I strongly prefer male condoms; the female condom dulled much of the sensation for me. My partner, on the other hand, didn’t have a strong opinion either way—he felt it was neither better nor worse than a male condom. The only real advantage, he said, was that the female condom created more friction, as the penis itself isn’t sheathed. Still it’s no substitution for the friction of going bare—the penis in question very much knows it’s fucking latex rather than vagina.

Venus Envy also offers a wider range of sizes than can be found at your typical drug store. Sir Richard’s Extra Large condoms offer a wider condom than the Trojan Magnum and other large-size condoms, so they could be a good choice for someone particularly

girthy. (Sir Richard’s condoms are also vegan and PETA-approved.)

For someone who needs a slimmer fitting condom, there are plenty of options as well, particularly in the form of Kimono condoms, some of the thinnest condoms on the market. Unfortunately, their large-size condom is smaller than other large condoms, so not everyone can enjoy the thinness of Kimono. Venus Envy also offers Glyde Slimfit condoms for those who need them. (Glyde condoms are also certified vegan.)

My next stop was **Night Magic Fashions** (5268 Sackville St.), where the condom offerings were a bit sparser, but more of the novelty variety. Here you can get blue (or red, or green) condoms, banana (or mint, or chocolate, or cola) flavoured condoms, tribal pattern ridged condoms and when it’s not so soon after Valentine’s Day, glow-in-the-dark condoms. They also carry a number of single ONE brand condoms, which

are great for trying new varieties if you don’t want to commit to the whole box you can buy in drug stores. Unfortunately for those who have special sizing needs or sensitivities, Night Magic probably won’t have you covered.

Pleasures N’ Treasures (6260 Quinpool Rd.), despite its impressive variety of pornographic films and lubricants (among other things), doesn’t carry many condoms. In fact, they don’t carry anything that can’t be found at a drugstore in the city.

Speaking of drugstores, they’re still your best bet in terms of variety if you don’t have any extra-special condom needs. It’s also worth mentioning that some novelty condoms may lack the protective qualities of “regular” condoms. If you’re worried about pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections, make sure the condom you’re about to use is meant to prevent them. ☹

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Recruiting for the future

Changes on the horizon for Tigers swimming

Raeesa Lalani
Sports Contributor

The spectator's cheers echo throughout the pool. A whistle tweets as bodies bound off of the starting block. The crisp, turquoise water is pushed to the side with each stroke made by the rippling muscles of the swimmers.

The black and gold-capped swimmer takes off, leaving the rest behind in his wake. His hand stretches out, reaching for the edge of the pool. He touches first.

He has won the race, and his team has won the championship.

This is the feeling that the male swimmers at Dalhousie University have felt for 16 consecutive years—13 for their female counterparts. The Atlantic University Sport (AUS) championships have always been a stepping stone to the nationals for Dalhousie swimmers, consistently the strongest in their conference.

Perhaps this is why we might be seeing some change.

“Over the last few years the other teams in the AUS have taken tremendous steps forward,” said fifth-year swimmer and Olympian David Sharpe.

One example of this is Acadia University, which recently signed a top female recruit out of Nova Scotia, Rebecca MacPherson, for the upcoming year.

“Over the next few years championships may not come as easily to Dalhousie,” said Sharpe, “not because of a weakening program but because of a strengthening conference.”

Dalhousie swim coach Lance Cansdale is not afraid of the challenge. He believes that recruiting a “quality athlete” is the most important step to becoming nationally established team.

“What we are having issues with is making sure that our program can compete as far as trying to attract the quality athlete that we want to get,” he says, referring to an athlete who is both athletically and academically sound, and who

will also be a national contender.

They have the “hometown kids” at Dal—now they need out of province athletes who can be developed.

Cansdale has tried to go after higher-level recruits, but the type he wants can usually get a better opportunity in the form of a full scholarship in the United States or in a top-five CIS program.

Dal is considered a small school in the grand scheme of universities and training centers in the swim world. It doesn't get the athletic support needed for athletic programs to get to the next step.

So, Cansdale is going to try and use the tools he has to his advantage, including the campus' aesthetic appeal, rustic stone buildings and athletes who have high academic aspirations.

The complications don't stop there. Because the men's swim team is going to be losing top athletes, including Sharpe, next year as well, the pressure to recruit is substantial.

“Championships are won not with individuals, but they are won with depth,” says Cansdale, referring to his strategy for success. “You can have three or four stars but what you need is to have 12 really good athletes to win a conference championship.”

He doesn't have a single com-



A strong Dalhousie swim team hopes to get even stronger in the years ahead.

••• Photo by Dustin Silvey

mitment yet. There has been a lot of interest, but not from the type of athlete Cansdale is trying to attract.

Cansdale feels confident he has the ability to do what needs to be done. His current athletes also have faith in his vision for the future.

Regardless of all the hurdles the

Dal swim team has to face, they're not worried about losing the AUS Championship anytime soon. In fact, they're working even harder to become the best in Canada. ☎

Raeesa Lalani is a member of the Dal Tigers women's volleyball team.

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THE TICKER: CIS SWIM

By Benjamin Blum David Sharpe's performance provided a lone bright spot in an otherwise disappointing weekend. ••• Photo by Martin Bazyl via University of Toronto

Flat finish for Tigers at nationals

In a rare showing of mortality, the Dalhousie Tigers' swim teams were humbled on the national stage, finishing 10th in both the men's and women's competitions. While this is collectively the lowest they've placed in several years, the team did

take home two medals thanks to fifth-year and Olympian **David Sharpe**. Sharpe won bronze in the 200-metre fly and silver in the 50-metre backstroke. ☎



Women's volleyball second to none

Tigers dismantle Huskies for back-to-back AUS titles



Dalhousie's Desiree Nouwen keeps the ball in play—she would finish the game with 11 digs. ••• Photo by Nick Pearce via Dal Athletics

Ian Froese
Editor-in-Chief

Before Dalhousie won the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) women's volleyball championship earlier this month, graduating player Katherine Ryan knew what to expect.

There would be jubilation if the Tigers won their second straight title, as the bench cleared and players stormed the court. There would be hoots and hollers from the Dalplex faithful. There would be family members to hug and friends to embrace.

All of this Ryan anticipated.

What she admittedly joked about—but never expected—was receiving a replica trophy from her friends.

She got the Wooden X, a keepsake provided to every St. FX athlete who wins an AUS title.

When Ryan was at St. FX, she never won it. Then, this summer, as a member of the Tigers, Ryan watched from afar as St. FX unceremoniously axed its women's volleyball program.

There would be no Wooden X's to give to the left-side hitter's former teammates in Antigonish, but a kind gesture from the boyfriend of Ryan's best friend meant there would be one more.

He made the memento by hand, with two wooden beams protruding from the base to form a giant 'X' and a volleyball player figurine planted next to it. The trophy is not a lavish creation by any means, but the gesture touched

the Halifax native.

"It's a really big deal and tradition at St. FX," said Ryan, who firmly held onto the hardware as she continued hugging teammates and friends. "It means a lot to me."

The trophy also demonstrates the confidence Ryan's friends had in the Tigers' ability to repeat as AUS champions.

"I guess so," she laughs. "They had quite a bit of faith."

After an early season 4-4 record, the Tigers ended the regular season on a tear, winning eight straight. By the time the six-team women's volleyball championship was held from Feb. 14-16, the Tigers were clearly the jewel of the conference.

Dal looked the part in their

to a phenomenal 10-1 lead in the opening set. Saint Mary's closed the set respectfully, but were out-matched by a Tigers team led by four kills from Tara Gowan and three more courtesy of Desiree Nouwen.

The second set was closer, and the third set was as well, peaking at 18-18.

Following a few errors by Saint Mary's, with the Tigers up 22-20, Dal's men's volleyball team arrived at the Dalplex almost on cue. The men, who had just come off the bus from Fredericton where they had won their own AUS banner the night before, cheered on their counterparts who finished the job on a 3-0 run.

Set scores were 25-10, 25-17, 25-20.

Dal became the first AUS squad to win back-to-back women's volleyball titles since SMU achieved the feat in 2006-07.

Earlier in the weekend, the Tigers overwhelmed Moncton (25-16, 25-13, 25-19) in the semi-final to earn a berth in the title game.

As a reward, the Tigers will represent the conference in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport women's volleyball championship this weekend at the University of Regina.

Ryan, in her last season as a student-athlete, awaits the challenge.

"It's been a good run, and I had a great time playing in the AUS all five or six years," said Ryan. "This one's going to be the best one for sure—and it's not over yet." 🏆

straight-set championship victory over the Saint Mary's Huskies on that Sunday afternoon. They leapt



A cheerful Tigers squad immortalizes its championship moment.

••• Photo by Nick Pearce via Dal Athletics

Championship redemption for men's volleyball

Tigers secure come-from-behind win over arch-rival UNB

Mohamed Elgayar
Sports Contributor

The Atlantic University Sport (AUS) men's volleyball crown is returning to Halifax, as the Dalhousie Tigers retook the title from long-time rival University of New Brunswick on Feb. 15.

The Tigers secured the AUS championship by winning 2-0 in a best-of-three series, and scored a spot in the Canada Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship tournament. The CIS championship will be hosted by the University of Calgary from Feb. 27 to Mar. 1.

The fourth-seeded Tigers play fifth-place Laval in the quarter-final on Feb. 27.

After Dal took Game 1 of the series at home, the team travelled to Fredericton with a chance to clinch the title. The game began in UNB's favour, as the Varsity Reds took the first two sets 25-22 and 25-20.

"We started playing better after being 2-0 down and the third game was really close," says Ota. "Both teams had chances to win the game, and fortunately we were able to pull it out at the very end."

It was not until the third set that Dalhousie secured their first set of the night at 25-21. In a tight battle to the finish, the Tigers took the fourth and fifth sets to claim their 35th AUS title.

"It was important for us to stay calm even though the situation was pretty crazy and I am really proud of how are guys were able to hold it together there," says Ota.

The player of the game went to Dal's Alex Dempsey, who secured a team-high 15 kills in the game. Connor Maessen led the squad in blocks with 11, and Adam Sanderson recorded 20 digs.

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"ONE OF THE MORE DRAMATIC GAMES WE HAVE HAD IN MY 15 YEARS AT DALHOUSIE"

"He has become a better player and a leader of the team as well," Ota says of Dempsey. "If it was not for him or the others stepping up their games we would not be in this position."

Ota, who was named the AUS coach of the year, had two weeks to prepare the team for a return



Jonathan MacDonald (1) and Matthew Donovan (7) join their Tigers teammates in celebrating an improbable win.

••• Photo by Fran Harris via University of New Brunswick

to the national stage, but for now is proud of his team's result in the AUS final.

"It was definitely one of the

more dramatic games we have had in my 15 years at Dalhousie, I don't think we've ever come back from a 2-0 deficit like that in a

match to win," he says.

"But [for nationals] I think we're trying to prepare as if it were any game." ☺

THE TICKER: TRACK AND FIELD

By Benjamin Blum Another banner year for the Tigers.

••• Photo by Normand Léger via Université de Moncton

Women take title, men settle for second

For the first time since the 2001-02 season, the AUS track and field championship did not result in a clean sweep for the Tigers. Although the women's team retained their title (which has been in their possession since 1990), the men were overtaken by St. Francis Xavier. A silver lining in their second place finish was **Chas Smith**, who earned AUS rookie of the year honours and **Jordan Bruce**, who won male field athlete of the year. On

the women's side, **Rebecca Haworth** took home both female field athlete of the year and student-athlete community service awards. **Rich Lehman** won the AUS coach of the year award for the women's team. ☺



STREETEER

By Benjamin Blum and Amin Helal

What did you do over reading week?



"Went skiing at Wentworth"
Nate Taylor
2nd-year IDS



"I went home"
Danielle Moore
2nd-year Marine Biology



"Did a lot of... 'reading'..."
Brendan Collins
4th-year Psych



"Watched a lot of Olympics"
Cam McNaughton
5th-year IDS



"I was cat-sitting"
Samantha Luc
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MONDAY, MAR. 3

International Student Town Hall, hosted by the Dalhousie Student Union and Dalhousie International Students Association. Free pizza and pop, 5-7 p.m. in T-Room.

Dalhousie Gazette AGM. 6 p.m. Location to be determined on dalgazette.com/hiring.

Lecture: Recent designs from Shim-Sutcliffe, Brigitte Shim, 7-8:30 p.m. in Medjuck Building Auditorium

TUESDAY, MAR. 4

Lecture: Contemporary Film and Culture of Global Taiwan, by Dr. Sheng-Mei Ma, Department of English, Michigan State University. Scotiabank Auditorium, McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building
Reading with Douglas Gibson, 7:30 p.m. in Killam, 5th floor

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5

MacKay Lecture Series: Christopher Whyte, 7:30 p.m. in Goldberg Building, Room 127

Lecture: Governing in the Dark: Evidence, Accountability and the Future of Canadian Science, hosted by Scott Findlay, University of Ottawa. Ondaatje Hall, McCain Building, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAR. 6

Graduate Student Research Symposium: Children, Youth and Security, starts at 7 p.m. in University Hall

FRIDAY, MAR. 7

Sustainability and Environmental Research Symposium, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Great Hall, University Club

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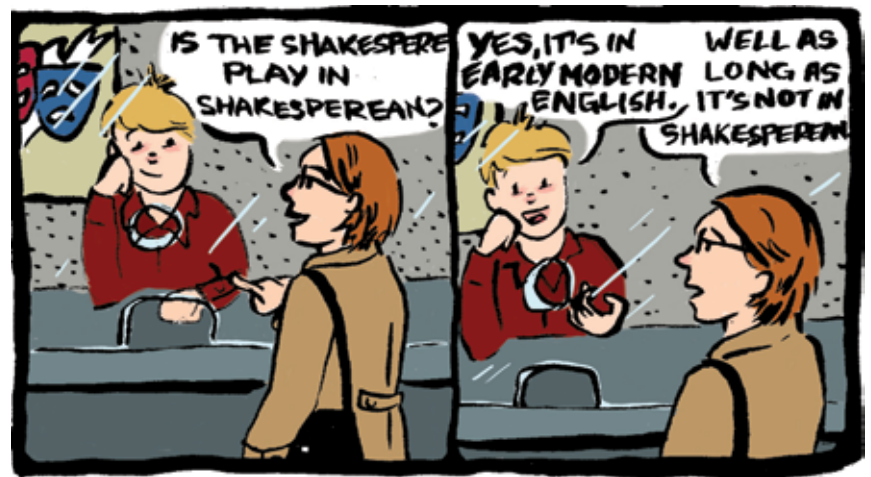
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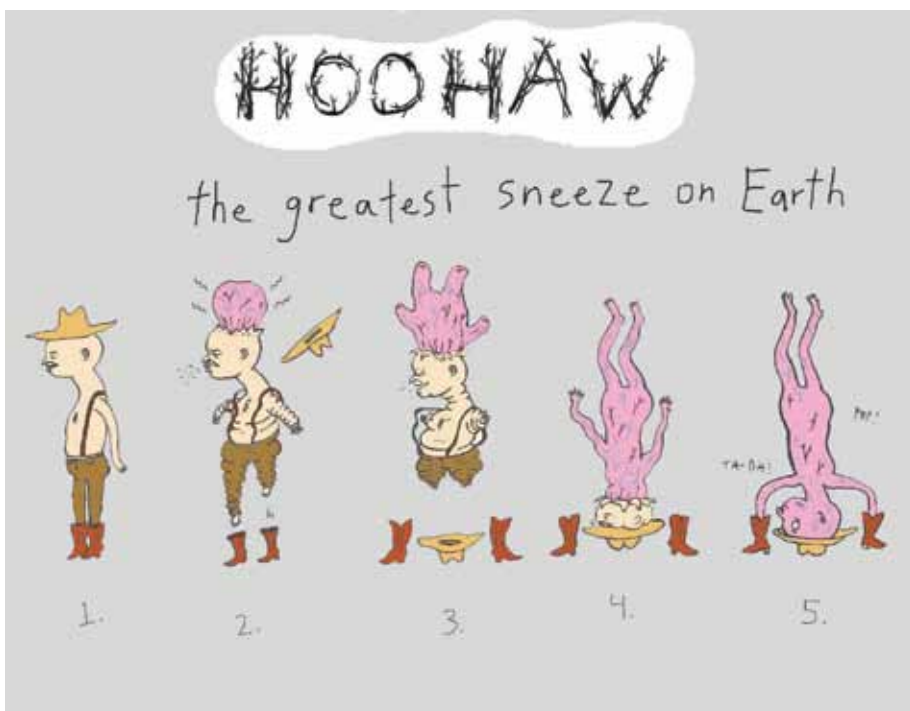
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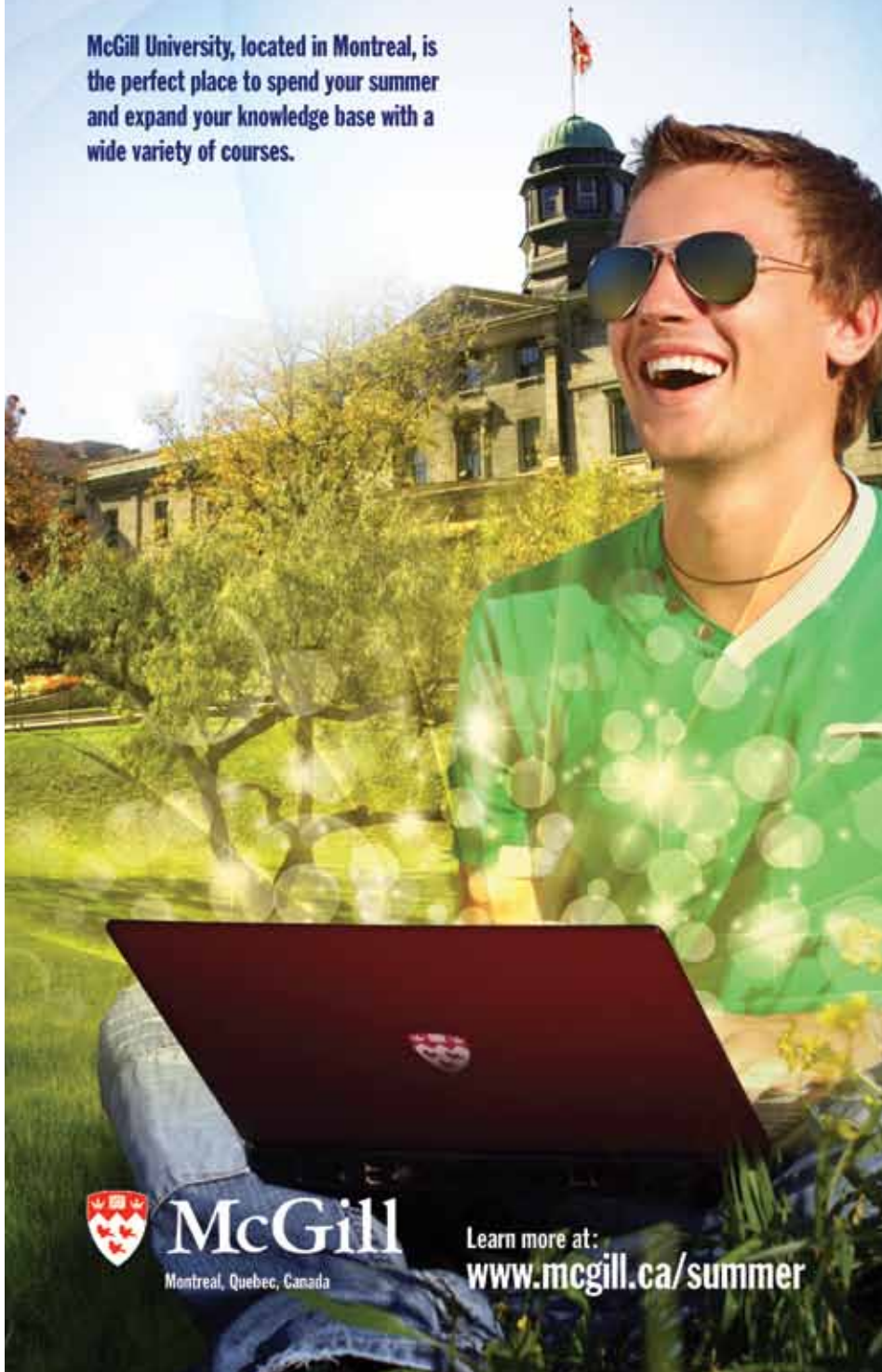
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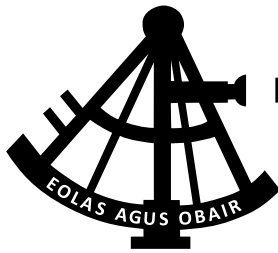


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A taste of real world logistics

Dal IE beats funding, and transportation challenges to take home top prize

Ryerson University played host to the 34th National IIE Student Conference held from January 23 to 25, 2014. Delegations representing 10 Industrial Engineering Universities across Canada had an opportunity to gain industry insight from several interesting speakers from leading corporations (some of which: Siemens, Canadian Tire, Rockwell Automation) and gain exposure to various IE applications among several industries. While not attending lectures, select delegates participated in a "Lean" workshop and others had the opportunity to attend a guided plant tour of a Canadian Tire distribution centre. Career fair and formal networking events were offered for all students.

Dalhousie University delegates competed in all four offered competitions: Theoretical (written examination), Technical Paper, Case Study, and Simulation competitions. A solid performance by Dalhousie delegates earned them 1st place in both Technical Paper, and Theoretical competitions.

Beyond solid competition performance, a hard earned team effort from Dalhousie's delegation of 34 students earned themselves the prestigious "Golden Eye" trophy. This honour is awarded to the delegation that best displays dedication towards individual and team growth within their discipline demonstrated throughout the conference. The selection criteria included: competition placing, strong attendance and participation in all conference



1st Place Theoretical Competition Team (Left to Right): Megan Wiggins, Kevin Conrad (1st Place Technical Paper), Jill Withers, Shawn Aucoin

events, team spirit (demonstrated during opening ceremonies through a cheer, video, and delegate t-shirts and costumes), and overall professionalism and character demonstrated by students.

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Next year's 35th National IIE Student Conference will be hosted by École de Technologie Supérieure in Montreal in which Dalhousie University will be challenged to defend their Golden Eye trophy title.

Added Significance to the Event's Success:

The troubling weather conditions that delayed student travel plans to Toronto, nearly canceling the entire

trip, made the success of the event that much more memorable. The delegation flew out of Moncton at 5:00 am on January 23rd after battling blizzard-like conditions that closed the Cobequid Pass en route to Moncton International Airport throughout the night. Some students stayed two nights in Moncton in preparation for the blizzard. What's interesting – if the delegation was to fly out of Halifax on January 23, flights would more than likely have been cancelled or delayed. This would have caused the delegation to have missed out on the opening ceremonies, lectures, and competitions, greatly diminishing chances of winning the Golden Eye Trophy. As for the option of taking a chartered bus to Toronto, the delegation would still have arrived a day late, given the blizzard conditions, likewise missing opening ceremonies, lectures, and competitions. The saying "things always work out in the end" may seem a little cliché, but luckily flights from Moncton were the cheapest option and everyone was grateful for the safe arrival to the airport, preceded by carefully planned travel arrangements. When making travel arrangements for groups of people, consider all methods of travel (associated travel durations and costs), all weather possibilities, all potential outcomes of such travel options (good or bad) and most importantly, develop a plan to stay safe in the worst of circumstances. ☔



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