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Friday, November 18

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Wednesday, November 23

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The show starts at 9:00pm at the Grawood Campus Pub!

ANSSA News:
The Student Debt Experiment!

Recently the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA), our provincial lobby organization, produced and released a video called “The Student Debt Experiment”. Check it out here YouTube.com/watch?v=WXwTryzJMXg — it illustrates the history of student debt in Canada, why we are where we are today and how changing the situation will make life better for all Canadians.

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Other News
There will be $8.00 Empire Theatre movie tickets available at the Info Desk in the SUB all year long. They are good for any night and any show. So it’s cheap night for students all year long!
Halifax universities aren't the only ones in trouble. Acadia University in Wolfville found itself in a predicament similar to NSCAD University earlier this year.

Both schools asked for and received the 2011/12 operating grants from the provincial government almost a year early, meaning they were unable to pay all their expenses with just one year's budget. The Department of Labour and Advanced Education says the government made the early payments at the request of the two schools, citing unspecified cash flow issues.

But Acadia's director of communications Scott Roberts says Acadia asked for early funding due to changes in the way universities are funded—changes that Acadia's payment schedule did not accommodate, says Roberts.

Nova Scotia's university funding has been irregular for two years. In the 2009/10 budget, a one-time payment of two rounds of funding was made to universities. In his most recent budget address, Premier Darrell Dexter said this left the government “with one payment to make in two years, and 2010/11 was the year in which no payment was made.”

In the 2010/11 fiscal year the province provided less than a quarter of the operating grants to all 11 universities than had been given in earlier years: $93.6 million, down from $450 million the year before and $485 million in 2008/09.

Of the $93.6 million distributed, 30 per cent was directed to Acadia and 14 per cent to NSCAD. The government found an additional $12.9 million for the 2010/11 budget to accommodate the universities' request.

The government has budgeted $384 million in grants for 2011/12, but doesn't intend to provide either Acadia or NSCAD with an operating grant.

Universities are looking to find new sources of revenue. The provincial government reduced general operating grants by four per cent this year; revenue from tuition fees and ancillary fees remains frozen under the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2008.

Combined, these three sources of revenue—funding, tuition fees and ancillary fees—accounted for 62 per cent of Dalhousie's net revenue in 2010, and 83 per cent of Acadia's.

The O'Neill Report, commissioned by the province in 2010, says “finding ways to sustain so many degree-granting institutions in a province with fewer than a million people has long been a challenge.”

Roberts says Acadia continues to look toward New England, where it has drawn students “for all of our 173 years,” and has “well-established relationships with guidance counsellors and alumni.”

Kevin Finch, with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education says the “government stands by the commitment to provide universities one funding payment in a single year. The circumstances that lead to the advanced payment of the Acadia and NSCAD operating grants do not change this.”

The Void Part 4 by Chase Veinotte—Dinner time. The guards slid a plate of slop under our cell doors. I didn’t rush to eat it, of course. Slug-sauce, rotten veggies, and years old Tangarian milk wasn’t my idea.
NSCAD set to strike
Finances, merger possibility set staff on edge

Torey Ellis
Assistant News Editor

On the eve of its 125th anniversary year, NSCAD University is at a crossroads. University instructors and technical staff voted 93 per cent Nov. 3 in favour of striking if no agreement can be reached with the provincial government.

Howard Windsor, a former provincial deputy minister, was appointed by MLA Marilyn More in September to figure out the best possible course of action with regards to NSCAD. Options include getting rid of programs or downsizing, as well as merging to some degree with Dalhousie or Mount St. Vincent.

The faculty wants to remain autonomous and keep its programs, and to have fairer full-time teaching positions.

Aislinn Graham is a second-year student at NSCAD. “Getting rid of faculty, getting rid of programs, and especially merging with Dal would be awful,” she says. “It would be really, really bad.”

“We’re the only art school of this kind east of Ontario, and we feel like it would take away that spirit, those opportunities for students—Nova Scotia needs us.”

A town hall held Tuesday afternoon, which informed students about the situation, was “inspiring,” Graham says.

The O’Neill report from 2010 recommends either a merger or a consolidation of NSCAD’s programs to fix the school’s ongoing financial issues, although it recognizes issues with the idea of a merge.

“The reputation of NSCAD is argued to be significantly stronger as an independent entity, and the reputation could be damaged by a merger with another institution,” it says.

However, a merge would not necessarily mean a complete takeover by the larger school. O’Neill argues that there are a range of options, including a similar situation as that of Dal and the University of King’s College.

The university had a $1.4 million deficit in the 2010/11 fiscal year, which the province absorbed. This year the deficit is of $2.4 million.

NSCAD’s small class sizes and need for extensive technical equipment are a major reason the school is losing money, the report says.

Graham says students, as well as teachers, will fight if the two parties can’t agree. “It’s kind of an anxious atmosphere,” she says, “but kind of hopeful too. We know that we can do something by not crossing picket lines, writing letters to Howard Windsor, writing letters to the provincial government.”

“Students are kind of prepared to come together,” says Graham. “We’re ready to do what we need to do, if it comes down to that.”

“Merging with Dal would be awful.”

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Cookout for tuition cuts

Students make mac and cheese to make a point

Across the street from that dinner was an event put on by the CPS. The Reduce Fees Kraft Dinner Cookout had students from Dalhousie, Kings, NSCAD and other post-secondary institutions chowing down on free macaroni and cheese.

“*If you want to invest in the future and the economy and have an equitable society, it’s important to ensure that people get to attend post-secondary education.*”

“We used mac and cheese to show that this is really the reality for students right now. Food bank use is up more than ever, and students need a response to the high costs of post-secondary education,” says Hoogers.

*While the protest made an effort to be loud, with a megaphone and a ghetto blaster playing “The Student Poverty Song,” they aimed to keep costs low. “To tell you the truth, you don’t need very much (money). It’s just the cost of the mac and cheese. We’re not even opting for the brand name Kraft Dinner; it’s a little bit too expensive.”*

Some Dal groups were involved in the organization as well. “People decide to help out when they see a good cause. The Loaded Ladle donated their little wagon, and we made the banner from donated paint ourselves,” says Hoogers.

He says the goal of the event was two-fold. The first goal was to raise awareness for another upcoming event, the Day of Action on Feb. 1. The event also aimed to get the attention of the government.

“I think that was very successful,” says Hoogers, adding that NDP leadership candidates Peggy Nash and Thomas Mulcair attended the event, along with Halifax MP Megan Leslie. “The only person we wish could have made it was Darrell Dexter himself.”

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Adam Faber
News Contributor

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While at Cornwallis Park Nov. 9, Gabe Hoogers was one of many volunteers serving macaroni and cheese to draw attention to student poverty. The numbers at the event rose to as many as 70 at times, with some people trickling in and out. What he might not have been expecting was for an NDP MP and leadership candidate to ask for a bowl.

“What is the rationale behind this movement?” asked MP Romeo Saganash, as he tossed his snack’s cheesy container.

Hoogers, the King’s Student Union president and Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) executive member, was quick to respond: “The rationale is debt reduction. Ultimately, it’s our view that if you want to invest in the future and the economy and have an equitable society, it’s important to ensure that people get to attend post-secondary education.”

With a promise to relay the message, Saganash went inside to the NDP fundraising dinner going on at the Westin. The Premier’s Dinner, an event that costs $175 a plate to attend, was being held that evening. NDP supporters and members of parliament were attending, featuring Darrell Dexter himself as a keynote speaker.
Dal pension in trouble
Experts agree pension plan needs reworking

Ken Burt, VP of finance and administration, commented on the situation. “In 2013, if we don’t have an agreement with the employee groups and the economy hasn’t recovered, we’re going to be responsible for our solvency payments.”

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In a Dal News release, Burt said, “If we are not moving towards a workable solution, we’ll have to begin to create a contingency fund to make those payments, and there will be a direct hit on the operation of the university on top of any changes in provincial government funding.”

Tufts warns that a shortfall in the pension plan translates into some unpalatable options for the university if things are left to the last minute. “It becomes very difficult to make changes at that point. Employers don’t want to contribute more money into the pension plan, and they have these grandiose promises that you’re going to retire at age 55 with 70 per cent of your income for the rest of your life.”

The solutions as far as Tufts is concerned are few: “If you have a shortfall, someone has to pick that up. Currently there are only three options to fund that in the short term: you can cut back on services, you can raise taxes and tuition to cover it or you can borrow money to cover that shortfall.”

Tufts notes that this is not a Dal-specific problem. “Many schools are grappling with this problem; it’s on a global level. You can’t just kick the can down the road anymore. You have to deal with it.”

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Acorn Conference hits up Halifax

Halifax hosted a three-day conference on organic living last weekend, held at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn Harbourview. The Atlantic Canadian Organic Regional Network (ACORN) hosted its 12th annual Conference and Trade Show from Nov. 11-13.

The event kicked-off at the Khyber art gallery on Barrington Street, where Maritime filmmakers, photographers and bakers showed off their work.

The conference celebrates organic and local farming. “Organic farming requires a considerable amount of creativity and resilience, which makes it a great focus for many artistic mediums,” said Beth McManus of the ACORN executive director in a press release. “We are expecting a strong community turnout for this event.”

The conference took place on Nov. 12-13, with over 30 local businesses in attendance.

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Occupy Wall Street evicted

On the morning of Nov. 14, Zuccotti Park, the centre of the Occupy Wall Street movement, was pristine. In the span of only a few hours in the middle of the night, police in full riot gear cleared protesters, along with their tents and sleeping bags, before power washing the square, according to The Globe and Mail.

NYC officials originally planned to reopen the square for protesters the following morning on the condition that they would not be allowed to bring tents or sleeping bags. However, a court order obtained by the Natural Lawyers Guild says the protesters are allowed to return with tents. The Globe and Mail reported that about 70 arrests were made during the eviction. However, most protesters left Zuccotti Park peacefully.

The eviction occurred because officials declared Zuccotti Park a health and safety threat.
On Nov. 11, 14 people were detained, and later released without charge, during HRP’s eviction of Occupy Nova Scotia from Victoria Park. Photos by Ian Froese

Torey Ellis
Assistant News Editor

“Happy fucking Remembrance Day.”

Victoria Park echoed Nov. 11 with the shouts of the Occupy NS protesters, who had learned at noon the city would be enforcing a no-camping bylaw.

The eviction notice was signed by acting CAO Mike Labrecque. Mayor Peter Kelly says council made the eviction decision.

The 40 or so police, who were there on City Hall orders to remove the tents and camp equipment, were silent—for the most part.

Fourteen people were detained that day on counts of obstruction of justice. When occupiers made the trek back to Grand Parade Nov. 12 as planned, three people were arrested—this time for breaking the conditions of their release. They were not allowed to set foot in a public park.

The bylaw prohibits camping in public parks (which includes the Grand Parade) without council permission at any time, as well as being in a park between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Occuper Dave Ambler has been camping since the start of the occupation. “We're not doing anything wrong by being here,” he said on Friday afternoon. “Now, camping, apparently there's a bylaw. But the thing is, we've been camping here for a month. Why now? Why Remembrance Day?” he said.

“Why today? Our homes are destroyed anyways. Everyone's down. No one's on their toes.”

At that point, he said he could see the eviction being a setback. “I don't think it's going to be over, but we're going to have to regroup,” he said.

As Dave talked, a small group of protestors started taking out their anger behind him by smashing glass and tearing tarps. Dave rushed over.

“Why? Why? That's awful!” he told them. “We're better than that.”

That night, at around 6:30 a.m., protestors let police through their human chain to take the last symbolic tent out of Victoria Park. Then the group zigzagged up Spring Garden Road to St. Andrew’s church, where minister Russ Dawe and a few volunteers opened their doors to the crowd.

Homeless protestors were able to sleep the night in the church’s meeting hall, although they had to be out for 8:00 a.m. the next morning to make way for an athletic group.

Billy Lewis, a Mi’kmaq veteran, occupier and police liason, was worried about getting back into the Grand Parade for the 11 a.m. rally Saturday morning. “There aren't many entrances and there aren't many exits. There are going to be police at each of them.”

As it turned out, police were present. But protestors did make it back into the square for their rallies on Saturday.

Dan Wieb was at a Second Cup when he heard the news of the eviction. “I think it’s ridiculous,” he said. “They were accommodating for the Remembrance Day ceremony, peacefully.”

Wieb is a graduate student of sociology at Dalhousie. He is not involved with Occupy in any way, but said “it seems to be something really significant happening. And it seems to be growing in strength, which is why in my opinion this kind of clamp down is happening worldwide.”

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Occupy NS: Weekend in review
From the eviction to the rallies

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his serving, a request that was always refused. “You know, you should always eat your vegetables. Didn’t your mother ever tell you that?” I remarked, grabbing my plate and retreating back to the cot with it.
Caught in the web

Facebook’s advancements detract from our social experiences

Nick Laugher  
Staff Contributor

If Jean Baudrillard was right, we’re living in the hyperreality. Facebook is the simulacrum, and we’re just perpetuating its rapidly advancing, increasingly generalizing existence.

I was filling out a survey the other day that asked me, “How many times a day do you use the Internet?” and I had to stop and reflect on how this was utterly and completely irrelevant in this day and age.

Even for me, someone who doesn’t own a cellphone, let alone a smartphone, I “use” the Internet for the majority of my day. In the 21st century, especially in our particular sample (tech-savvy university students), the majority of our life is lived online and, by default, on Facebook.

Facebook has a monopoly on the Internet. How many websites do you visit now that don’t have a “Like” button, or don’t tie in with your Facebook account? If you pick up a girl or guy in the bar, are you really going to ask them for their phone number and go all archaic on their ass, or are you going to ask them, kindly, to “Facebook” you?

Now, I could launch into a verbose, self-aggrandizing tirade about Facebook right now, but the fact of the matter is, I use it just like everyone else. I am not immune, but Facebook is.

Facebook hasn’t just set the standard for social networking, it is the social network. Facebook is slowly becoming an extension of our identities, as official and binding as a Social Insurance card.

We are obliged to validate our Facebook identities with cellphone numbers. We need to consistently clarify to Mark Zuckerberg and co. that we’re just browsing from a different IP address, and not a hacker. I can’t even change my name on Facebook to anything it deems inappropriate or that I can’t back up with documentation.

It is a constant barrage of social information. Truly a network. With Facebook’s new addition of a real-time “Activity window” on the right side of your screen, as well as/amalgamating the aging style of “messaging” into its perpetually annoying and poorly coded “Chat” function, we’re now subjected to a constantly updated, immovable, sprawling web of information on absolutely everyone we (vaguely) know. There is so much information on Facebook that as soon as I log on, I’m overwhelmed and bored at the same time. Facebook has so much information about my social world that I am completely apathetic to it.

Whenever Facebook introduces any change—no matter how minuscule, there is an instant backlash of millions of users complaining about how “terrible” or “ugly” or “awkward” the “new Facebook” is. So why not just stop using it? Why put up with half-assed coding and piss-poor web design? Why is it that Facebook can institute poorly written functions and absolutely garish looking pages within any change—no matter how minuscule, we’re let down of its perpetually annoying and informally stalking it. It’s become the new standard, so no matter how ugly or obtrusive it becomes, we have to give it precedence. It has become a crutch. It deadens all face-to-face conversation, and it removes any mystery from dates (“Oh, I already knew that, I saw your post”). It wraps up who we are and what we like in a neat, blue and white package. We do everything faster, more succinctly and with little context. We entrust Facebook to do all the work for us, while we sit back and passively wade through the piles of information.

Now, you can blame Facebook all you want for its cramped, crass pages, questionable information distribution, aggressive copyright collectives and purportedly underlying right-wing, conservative bias. But when it all comes down to it, you’re using it. And you’re being just like everyone else, who are also using it just like everyone else. You can’t blame Facebook any more than you can chastise the “Telegraph”. Instead of pointing the finger to a website, we should take a minute and reflect on just how much of our lives we’re letting it dictate.

Giving up Facebook is like saying you’re never drinking again: It’s unrealistic, attention-seeking and soaked in poor decisions and regret. But that doesn’t mean you can’t stop using it like an idiot.
On Oct. 31, the global population surpassed seven billion people (well, plus or minus 56 million people). The United Nations census estimates a one to two per cent margin of error in the calculation, which comes out to approximately 56 million people when you’re talking about a global population of seven billion. The margin of error is so large that the birth in question could have happened in August of this year, or the baby might not even have been conceived yet.

No one really knows when or where number seven billion will be—or was—born, but we do know the miscalculations come from many of the world’s poorer nations that have extremely inaccurate demographic birth and death records.

At a press conference on Oct. 31 at the UN headquarters in New York, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon stated, “Today, we welcome baby seven billion. In doing so we must recognize our moral and pragmatic obligation to do the right thing for him, or for her.” The secretary general stated that in 1998 the world’s population was at six billion, and that according to the UN, the global population is expected to grow to nine billion by 2050. That’s a huge number. How are we supposed to sustain a population of seven billion, let alone nine billion people in less than half a century?

What we do know is that since the 1960s—when the global population was three billion—the world population has expanded at an exponential rate. By 2100 there will possibly be 50 per cent more people on earth than there were at the beginning of the century, all vying for the same resources.

In a finite world where population growth is exponential as opposed to logistic, the per capita share of the world’s goods must steadily increase in order to provide sufficient resources to all living species. In a finite world where population growth is exponential as opposed to logistic, the per capita share of the world’s goods must steadily increase in order to provide sufficient resources to all living species. Since our planet can only support a finite population, it is inevitable that at some point population growth will equal zero. So how do we support a growing population from exhausting the world’s resources? Do we stop having babies or impose regulations similar to the Chinese one child limit in the 1990s?

Educating women in underdeveloped countries has been a proposed solution by numerous scholars, becoming a widely accepted methodology in mitigating our current population crisis. The world’s population is distributed asymmetrically across the seven continents, with most of the population growth stemming from less developed countries. Asia, the most populated continent on Earth, is home to over four billion people and a whopping 60 per cent of the total global population. So what exactly does this mean for women?

In most developing (or third world) countries, access to any sort of contraception is extremely difficult. Not only do these women have a minimal amount of time between pregnancies due to lack of contraception, they are unable to deliver children into a safe and healthy environment. Focusing on education for women in many of the poorer nations is an essential piece to solving our global population problem. By spending more time in the classroom educating the global population, we’ll have a better chance of lessening the population crisis. Even though there is no clear solution to our population growth problem, the long-term maintenance and management of the resources on our planet for future generations is a task of utmost importance for those of us alive today. Based on our current trends, it is almost naive not to acknowledge that the relationship with our planet between population growth and the production of finite resources must change. We have already “surpassed” the seven billion people marker, so if change is going to happen, it has to be soon.

It’s our obligation to the seven billionth person, wherever or whenever they may be born.

Check out the real time global population clock at WorldMeters.info/World-Population/ The light areas on the map show the world’s population density. Map via the European Commission Joint Research Centre Global Environment Monitoring Unit.

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Lack of results thus far from shipbuilding contract

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We have the where, but not the how or the when. So excuse me if I am a little more skeptical than seemingly every politician in Nova Scotia.

Lars Osberg, head of the economics department at Dalhousie, says more time needs to pass before the extent of the contract is revealed. “It’s a framework agreement because the details of the ship procurement process really won’t be known for some years,” he says.

Peter Stoffer, the MLA for Sackville-Eastern Shore and official shipbuilding critic for the NDP, is weary of ever seeing the province’s shipbuilding spotlight for the next 30 years.

And this contract does that—at least on the national stage. There has never been such continuity for a contract like this. Generally these contracts last a much shorter amount of time, but Halifax will be in the shipbuilding spotlight for the next 30 years.

But my main concern is that many politicians and citizens have already celebrated the accomplishment without looking forward. We know barely any details of this contract whatsoever. No deals have been discussed and no steel has been cut, but we’re partying like it’s already happening.

There are approximately 1,000 people currently working in the Halifax shipyard. According to a study conducted by the Greater Halifax Partnership, up to 11,500 jobs would be created as a by-product of this contract. That is a massive amount of jobs being created in the region. This contract, though vague at the moment, will offer Haligonians the opportunity to stay in their home city and still make a decent living.

Since the announcement there have been over 2,000 applications for employment at the shipyard. However, there have only been 50 hires (mostly for electrical workers), according to the CIC.

My biggest problem with the contract lies in the lack of results we have seen thus far. Politicians are generally going into press conferences and saying this contract is the greatest thing to ever happen to Halifax. What happened to sensibility or moderation in the government?

As much as I love to play the devil’s advocate, it is damn near impossible to say that this contract is a bad thing, even with the lack of results that have been shown thus far. It will have benefits for almost every person and business in the HRM, boosting the province’s fishing economy.

But until I see more results, I just hope our ships pull into dock exactly how we expect.

Lest we forget.
Mother Mother comes to Dalhousie

Canadian five-piece brings their unique sound to the Grawood

When asked to speak to the creative process that enabled him and the band to churn out three albums since their inauguration in 2005, Guldemond explained the song "starts small and ends big. It begins in a place of solitude and goes forth from there. It "journeys through the hands of the band" and eventually, what began small "ends up multiplied and rich." He begins on the acoustic guitar, and takes note of melodic chords, "evolving them into some kind of form." Interestingly, Guldemond begins a song with the music, adding the lyrics afterwards. He says he looks for the "piller catchphrases," then "associates other words with them and ties them in."

Eventually, we got around to talking about the tour itself. "I like show up and being surprised by the venues," he says, which he describes as "a holy place for the worship of art." One can only hope the Grawood will live up to these standards. Fortunately, I got the sense from Guldemond that it is less the physical location that makes the venue; rather, it is the people. "I don't put a demand on how people engage in the music—if their style is to stand there with their arms crossed, that's fine, as long as the engagement is there."

"The energy I bring is, I find, what I get back."

The best part of his tour so far? Baguettes in Paris. Guldemond says he and his band mates "bought each other with baguettes" while in France. "Everyone really does have baguettes over there," he says. "Vic-tory sticks. It makes you want to go out and get one."

Not desiring to have my interviewee descend into an untamed stress response, I hesitated to ask what they would be up to next. The small interviewee inside me cautioned that so many shows probably wouldn't leave him much time to think of what breakfast cereal to eat, let alone big plans for the future.

Luckily, as in all of his responses, Guldemond grew as a storyteller, Andersen also captures the plight of ordinary Canadians—lives built on the determination to work hard and live humbly. Andersen's blues cut close to home, and the audience knows it. He might just be the antidote to today's restless, rootless and often instrument-less radio fare. 

Mother Mother will be playing the Spatz Theatre Nov. 18 and 19.

Andrew Mills
Arts Contributor

Matt Andersen's acoustic guitar wizardry fills a concert hall like few instruments can—only his voice equals it for rare, easy power. Andersen's music has quickly become emblematic of the east coast blues scene, and his live shows are known to bring that feeling to a room where audience and performer come together so seamlessly that the place is, for a resonant moment, as alive as a Cape Breton kitchen party.

Andersen's performances command attention. On stage he bellows, soars and rattles like a ghost carrying a hundred-year chain of blues legends behind him; audiences are entranced. Part prophet, part reveler and complete bluesman, Andersen is a worthy Maritime ambassador to America and Europe, where he has garnered significant recognition, receiving both the Memphis International Blues Challenge and Maple Blues award.

It's unlikely that all the international attention will change Andersen's modus operandi, which is an endless grind, similar to the hard-working characters in his new album, Cool Missing Blues (recorded in Levon Helm Studio NY). All the miles and jam sessions seem to be paying off.

Each subsequent album has seen tighter production and a more precise capture of Andersen's music. But it's the increasingly refined songwriting that catches the ear. Though the impeccable recording leaves one wishing for some of the raw imperfections of his live performance, Cool Missing Blues is a showcase for beautiful melodies, vocals and tales of unsuspecting heroes. A few paint the threshold between the interior life and the daily struggle of his characters, saying, "black on my heart and black on my sleeve"; in an approach to understated tragedy.

As a genre, blues is about hard times, but it's also about transcending those times with melody and verse. Andersen reminds us that the blues can be joyful, and in spite of all the scrape and wear, life's consolations may emerge all the sweeter. As he grows as a storyteller, Andersen also captures the plight of ordinary Canadians—lives built on the determination to work hard and live humbly. Andersen's blues cut close to home, and the audience knows it. He might just be the antidote to today's restless, rootless and often instrument-less radio fare.

Andersen captures the plight of ordinary Canadians.
What’s your education issue?

by Katrina Pyne and Jonathan Rotsztain

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Taylor Owens
2nd-year recreational therapy

“Tuition fees”
Ashley MacDonald
2nd-year recreational therapy

“School takes too long”
Jessica George
2nd-year commerce

“Too expensive”
Robert Humenny
3rd-year marine biology

“Difficult to go in the direction you want to”
Marshall Soltice
1st-year arts

“Apathy”
John Maize
3rd-year CSP

“Testing”
Paul Chudnovsky
2nd-year CSP

“Lack of clarity and transparency, not just financial”
Phebe Mannell
4th-year HOST

“Unclear requirements”
Stephanie Duchon
4th-year European studies

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Free pizza at Dal Gazette contributor meetings
“Who ate the last pepperoni slice?”

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They didn’t get to see a Yankees game

Yeti
Sasquatch
JOHNNY DEPP
Natalie Leventhal
Arts Contributor

Adapted from Hunter S. Thompson’s novel, The Rum Diary mixes the beauty of Puerto Rican landscape and the oh-so-dreamy Johnny Depp with belligerent alcoholism and American capitalist imperialism.

Depp stars as Paul Kemp, a journalist who moves from 1950s New York to write for major English newspaper The Daily News in San Juan, Puerto Rico. While there, Kemp gets entangled with a capitalist entrepreneur Sanderson (suave and sexy Armie Hammer) whose wish is to turn Puerto Rico into a capitalist American paradise. Opposing Kemp’s relationship with the high powered Sanderson is a mounting sexual tension between Kemp and Sanderson’s fiancée Chenault (Amber Heard, Pineapple Express), along with the obstinate intoxication of Kemp and his journalist buddy (Michael Rispoli) as they pound back the rum, resulting in a little Puerto Rican jail time.

Throughout the film, Kemp struggles with the form of journalism, especially his means of writing about what he believes to be important. In trying to produce articles that will expose truths about Americans in Puerto Rico or the current state of Puerto Rico itself, the editor of The Daily News (Richar Jenkins), turns Kemp’s work down, in lieu of uncontroversial articles that will tickle the fancy of “ignorant” American tourists.

In The Rum Diary, Paul Kemp’s experience mirrors that of Hunter S. Thompson’s, who also traveled to San Juan to write for a newspaper, where the ideas for The Rum Diary came to be. Depp’s admiration for Hunter S. Thompson can be seen in his unwavering dedication to the role. Depp’s drunken antics, alongside his wit, add an element of humor to the otherwise serious issue The Rum Diary tackles—that of American imperialism in 1950s Puerto Rico.
Recipe: Homemade Coffee Liqueur

Rachel Eades
DIY Columnist

As winter weather and the holiday season approaches, the temptation to settle in around a cozy fireplace with a warm drink can become overwhelming. The local liquor store swaps out Caribbean rum and fruity mixed drinks for wintry coffee warmers, such as Kahlua and Baileys. But as a true DIYer, you’re not content with that store-bought stuff. You want to make your own! And here’s the good news: making your own coffee liqueur is easy, and also a very effective way to impress your friends with your resourcefulness.

First, go to the liquor store and pick up a bottle of dark rum. Next, you’ll need to pick up some of your favorite coffee grounds, and a vanilla bean. If you can’t find vanilla beans at the grocery store, check out your local natural foods store. You’ll also need water and sugar, but most kitchens have those items readily available.

Once you have your supplies rounded up, you’re ready to get started. First, boil three cups of water in a pot. Once boiled, add three cups of sugar. Mix until dissolved. Once the sugar has been added and dissolved, take the pot from the heat and let the syrup cool a bit. Then mix in ½ a cup of coffee grounds. Let this mixture sit until it’s cooled down—about half an hour.

At this point, you’ll ideally have a large, airtight container available to pour your mixture into. At least a litre in size would be ideal. If you don’t have one large container available, you can split the mixture into smaller containers. When we made this at home, we couldn’t find a large enough container, so we split it into three mason jars.

Now that you have your liqueur mixture ready to enjoy, just in time for the holidays! 🎄

Coffee and alcohol: together at last.

This year’s winter fashion essentials

A look at every fashionista’s Christmas wish list

Rose Behar
Fashion Columnist

Though the weather may not be a clear indication that Christmas is coming, it is that time of year again—the time some call the most wonderful time of the year.

And all those avid shoppers out there, who see Christmas as an excellent excuse to let ourselves run wild in the department store aisles, well, we tend to agree.

But before you allow yourself to enter in to that thick of Christmas mania, take a minute, and think of what you might want this season. That’s right. Make your Christmas wish list—even if you’ve been naughty.

There’s a good chance that even if Santa Claus comes up empty-handed this year, the Boxing Day sales will prove to be a bountiful source of goodies. Here are my top picks for the season.

The fringed sweater or jacket

Fringe is not just for boots anymore. The seventies style has exploded to include mini-skirts, tees, and that’s right, outerwear. This style adds a playful element to any basic outfit. Throw a fringed maxi-cardigan or suede jacket on top of a mini-dress, add some warm, winter tights, and some wedge booties, and you’ve got yourself a great seasonal look.

The unique skinny

It’s not good enough to just don the ubiquitous skinny jeans anymore and call yourself trendy. Add a little flash to your wardrobe by adding in any one of the following: the printed skinny, the coated denim skinny (looks like leather, but is half the price, with added mobility), the suede skinny, the bold colour skinny, or the cord skinny.

The ironic seasonal sweater

Everyone has heard of the ugly sweater party, but the fashion world is bringing the wearable range of ironic Christmas sweaters to a whole new level thanks to designers like Markus Lupfer and Moschino. So, go ahead and crack out that doozy from when you were a kid. You know, the one with Santa riding through the night sky with his reindeer. Yeah, that one.

But don’t think that this is a culturally exclusive thing. That sweater your Savta knitted you with the fully lit Menorah on it works just as well.

The leotard/bodysuit

Nostalgic for the 90s? Good. This trend is best worn with all the spank of your five-year-old self, minus the scrunchie. Have fun with this trend—just make sure not to lose too much money to American Apparel. Having said that, the chain does also produce an excellent version of my next recommended item, which is best worn while rocking a leotard.

The jersey skirt

Leotard + flowy jersey skirt – probably the most comfort allotted by a trend, ever. Make sure to get a patterned one for the highest style impact, and remember that these babies should hit just below your knee when worn properly.

Flared jeans

Does anyone else remember the failed comeback of the high-waisted, flared jean a few years back? Well, the flared jean is making another attempt at popularity, and now may finally be its time. With fringe so trendy at the moment, it seems like an opportune time to try out another hallmark of seventies style.

And let’s not forget those pants can be a very flattering choice, especially if you are on the tall and leggy side. Wear them in a slight-distressed blue with a simple scarf and sweater and a closed-toe pump (or flat if you’ve got the height) and you’ll be ready to strut your stuff like a modern Farrah Fawcett. 🎄
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Amplifiers are a lot like cars—no one can agree on the best one ever made.

Unless you only listen to music through headphones or your computer, you probably have a stereo system at home. I use mine to play records, but I can also connect my computer to it to play iTunes.

Last week my stereo stopped working. More specifically, it was the amplifier, which is really the heart of a stereo system. “No problem,” I said to myself. “I’ll just go to Value Village and get a new one.” After all, that’s where I got this one. It was $10 and it worked for a year before quitting, so it was well worth the money.

I did a few searches under generic terms such as “good used amps” to find out if there were any specific names to look out for. But instead of finding a simple list of the best equipment, I came across pages and pages of discussions on the topic. It turns out amplifiers are a lot like cars: no one can agree on the best model.

When I started reading some of the discussions on a website called AudioKarma.org, I realized I knew next to nothing about amplifiers. There were comments about different specifications and ratings, per-cussive attack and transients, watts versus ohms, and tubes versus transistors.

One of the most passionate debates had to be the tubes versus transistors one. Apparently the biggest advancement in audio technology came with the invention of the transistor, a small piece now used in almost any electronic device, which replaced large glass vacuum tubes. (If you remember Back to the Future Part II, the large box Doc Brown attaches to the hood of the car is full of these tubes.) The tube amplifier versus solid state (transistor) amplifier debate has been going on since the day they hit the stereo market. There are arguments about the tonal differences, brightness and weight.

I’ve wanted a tube amplifier ever since I knew what they were, and during my research I managed to find a few good ones that weren’t too expensive. I decided if I was going to get something new, I was going to go after what I really wanted. Unfortunately, I didn’t realize the amount of work and cost involved.

Amplifiers are actually two separate components: a pre-amp, which receives the sound signal and adjusts the tone and other qualities, and the power amp, which increases the sound. Usually they come together in a piece called an integrated amplifier, but it is possible to buy them separately. According to the essays and discussions I read, a true audiophile (this applies to people who care too much about stereo sound) should always go for the separate set-up.

And so I committed. I bought a tube pre-amp on eBay. Now I just needed a power amplifier to connect to it. That was supposed to be the easy part.

From my research, there were things I picked up on pretty quickly. For one, the “Made in Japan” label is almost a requirement. Through the 70s and 80s, Japan dominated the stereo electronics market in the affordable—but-high-quality category. Finally, I headed out to Value Village. Then to the Salvation Army. Then another Value Village.

None of the stores had any stereo amplifiers, let alone the kind I was looking for. My dreams of returning home to listen to my records were falling apart quickly. After checking Kiiji and the local Halifax classifieds, I was no closer to finding what I needed. Like records and film cameras, it turns out most were thrown in the garbage when newer technology was made available.

At least I can say this was an educational experience. I learned the history of several electronics manufacturers. I learned what to look for in a used amplifier and the companies that make them. And most interestingly, I discovered an entire community of people obsessed with stereo sound quality.

Regardless of whether you listen to CDs, records or mp3s, building your own stereo piece-by-piece can be very rewarding. It can also be very expensive, especially now that most components that were “old” 20 years ago are “vintage” now. In some cases, they’re even more expensive than when they were new. And audiophiles are never satisfied. There is always a better component out there, somewhere, that they must have in their quest for the perfect sound.
Dalhousie sailors represent Canada
Sixth place internationally for campus crew

Paula Sanderson
Sports Contributor

There is something about beating the Americans that is just so sweet for Canadians. At the Student Yachting World Cup in France, Team Canada, represented by the Dalhousie Sailing Club, did exactly that, beating the Maine Maritime Academy.

“We killed them,” says Canadian team member Justin Hall. “They’ve been training together for a year. We only got the team in one spot—not training, but in one spot—in the airport on the way there.”

Despite the seven teammates only sailing together for the first time at the regatta, they finished a very respectable sixth place late last month. France, England and Ireland rounded out the top three. The Americans placed 11th.

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The French team deserved to win, according to fellow crew member Valerie Keast.

“It was unbelievable. Pretty much every race they were leading with a big lead,” says Keast. “We were just looking at their boat wondering, ‘How are they doing this?’”

The Student Yachting World Cup featured 15 different countries from three continents. Each team sailed a Grand Surprise, a 32-foot French design sport boat.

“Basically they are all the same boat; they are one design class,” says Hall. “Each team, in theory, had the same boat, but there are some tolerances.”

Sailing this boat was a challenge for the team.

“None of us had sailed a Grand Surprise before or even seen one,” explains Hall. “We tried to gather as much information as we could before we got there from the Internet and from the event organizers.”

The team spent the first few days getting to know their ride. “One of the first things I said to Dave [Castle], our bowman, when we stepped onto the boat was ‘It’s going to be a skating rink,’” says Hall. “There wasn’t much grip up forward.”

“This was a big change from the J/22s, J/24s and J/35s the team had been sailing previously.

“There were some differences and changes we had to make in order to sail it effectively,” says Hall.

Due to high winds and major waves, the first two days of racing were called off. Because of this the team did not get as much practice time as they would have wanted.

Regardless of their lack of practice time, Dal raced to admirable times in their new sailboat.

“We were pretty consistent throughout,” says Hall. “We had some good races, and some that weren’t so good, but we were around fifth and sixth for the most part.”

The team’s best race was race 11 on the final day when they came in third. “On the last day we had figured out the boat, we had figured out our positions, and just got used to sailing with one another,” says Hall. “We were able to pull off third, and considering the competition we had it was a very good race.”

That last day of racing determined the final result.

“One of our main competitors on the last day to maintain our sixth place spot was the Italians and basically the whole day we were looking to stay ahead of them,” says Hall. “And, in the end, I think we beat them by two points which was tight but, yeah, we pulled it off. It was great.”

The team was very proud of their finish on the international stage.

“It’s always nice to finish a regatta strong and I think we did that,” says Hall.

Dal has qualified to represent Canada again next year at the World Cup.

They qualified in September, defeating McMaster University at the Canadian University Keelboat Championships held in Halifax.

“It was a really great experience,” says Hall, speaking of the team’s trip across the Atlantic. “We learned a whole lot, not just about sailing and racing, but logistically how to organize something so significant. Our budget was pretty small, but everyone put in a lot of effort in order to get us there.”

The World Cup took place during most of the team’s midterms.

“Imagine leaving for 10 days right in the middle of midterms. It’s a huge commitment,” says Keast. “But I wouldn’t give it up for anything. It was a once in a lifetime experience.”

“We’d like to go next year and experience it a little bit more,” says Hall. “We might get lucky—it might be on the Mediterranean—which would be excellent.”

Fingers crossed,” says Keast, smiling at the thought.

The home country of France was crowned top crew last month at the Student Yachting World Cup in La Trinite-sur-Mer.

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Photo by Justin Hall
Hurricanes wreck Tigers football
Dal out after semifinal crumble

The Holland College Hurricanes made it look easy Nov. 12 against the Dalhousie Football Club, riding a three touchdown performance from running back Dave Clark to run away with a 38 - 7 win at UPEI's MacAdam Field.

The Tigers offence, unable to click for much of the season, struggled against a tough defence and could not score when it mattered most, dropping a number of catches in the end zone.

The fourth-seeded Tigers are knocked out of the playoffs now failing to make up for their poor 1 - 5 season. The Hurricanes booked a seat in the league championship to face the UNB Fredericton Red Bombers.

After the loss, Dalhousie Founders Club President Jim Wilson was clearly disappointed, but still pointed to the positives of this season.

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Holland College took little time opening the scoring as Clark broke free for a 37-yard touchdown on the first drive and then converted the extra point for a 7 - 0 lead.

The Hurricanes defence also impressed, shutting Dal down with a quick pass rush and strong downfield coverage, holding the Tigers scoreless in the first quarter.

Already pinned deep to start the second, the Tigers conceded two points and the Hurricanes opted to start on their own 25-yard line.

Waking up, the Tigers defence soon made their best play of the game, forcing a fumble to recover the ball deep in Hurricanes territory. Seizing the moment, Tigers running back Greg Pelly seized the moment, barreling to a 25-yard rush, but a holding penalty on Dal brought the play back. Unable to score, the Tigers turned over the ball on downs.

Dal's defence again stood tall on the next drive, forcing the Hurricanes to punt and then blocking the ensuing kick. This time Pelly made no mistake, scoring a one-yard run to trail just 9 - 7.

Moments later Clark scored again, this time on a 12-yard rush, before quarterback Nick Hunsley added another for the Hurricanes, connecting with receiver Jeff Hillier on a 60-yard touchdown reception. The two scores allowed Holland College to coast into halftime with a 22 - 7 lead.

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Staff Contributor

"I may be the most inflexible human in existence and yoga has been suggested to me from multiple people. However, when I looked into it I got smacked with a barrage of language and terms that scared the hell out of me. Can you give me some ideas of what all these different kinds of yoga mean and if this yoga thing is really mean and if this yoga thing is really

So, guys—and everyone else—please give yoga a try. Not only does it do wonders for your flexibility (read: sex life), but it improves both your weightlifting and cardio performance. For those 30 Rock fans out there, it really is the “third heat,” or the secret to achieving the results you are looking for.
As if an omen to the Huskies chances, the bus of Saint Mary’s students heading to Wolfville broke down on the MacKay bridge, stopping traffic and leaving a noticeable absence in the Huskies cheering section for a good portion of the first quarter. Despite the moral deficit, the Huskies kept the Axemen within striking distance.

The two teams quickly traded touchdowns early in the first quarter to bring the score to an even 7 - 7. This was followed quickly by a SMU field goal to give the Huskies their brief and only lead of the game. The Acadia response was swift and effective as Kyle Graves took the ball straight into the end zone, giving him and his team their second touchdown of the game to restore Acadia’s edge.

Before the end of the second half, the Axeman picked up a pair of single points and two field goals to widen their advantage to a more comfortable 22 - 10. The third quarter once again saw a trade of touchdowns as Acadia started the trend, scoring at 7:57 followed by a Huskies response from Jahmeek Taylor at 4:47 remaining, giving the Axemen a 29 - 17 edge going into the fourth quarter.

The Axemen had little to worry about in the home stretch as the Huskies were only able to close the gap by three points before Acadia added a field goal and a touchdown from Zach Skibin to end the game with an impressive 39 - 20 win.

Graves, the AUS player of the year, rushed for three touchdowns in his team’s winning effort. He was awarded the Don Loney memorial trophy as game MVP.

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A packed audience came outside in the cold and wind to witness the Acadia Axemen end a four-year reign of the Saint Mary’s Huskies atop the AUS football conference.

The Huskies’ defeat brings to an end their AUS dominance and earns Acadia their first trip to the Uteck Bowl as the league’s best since they were handily defeated by Laval in 2006.

As if an omen to the Huskies chances, the bus of Saint Mary’s students heading to Wolfville broke down on the MacKay bridge, stopping traffic and leaving a noticeable absence in the Huskies cheering section for a good portion of the first quarter. Despite the moral deficit, the Huskies kept the Axemen within striking distance.

The two teams quickly traded touchdowns early in the first quarter to bring the score to an even 7 - 7. This was followed quickly by a SMU field goal to give the Huskies their brief and only lead of the game. The Acadia response was swift and effective as Kyle Graves took the ball straight into the end zone, giving him and his team their second touchdown of the game to restore Acadia’s edge.

Before the end of the second half, the Axeman picked up a pair of single points and two field goals to widen their advantage to a more comfortable 22 - 10.

The third quarter once again saw a trade of touchdowns as Acadia started the trend, scoring at 7:57 followed by a Huskies response from Jahmeek Taylor at 4:47 remaining, giving the Axemen a 29 - 17 edge going into the fourth quarter.

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Acadia ends Saint Mary’s football reign

New Atlantic representative for Uteck Bowl

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The Tigers were seen as obvious underdogs entering the CIS quarterfinals. The predictions, as it turns out, would hold true.

Dalhousie’s women’s soccer team bowed out of the nationals this past weekend at McGill University, stumbling 3 - 2 to the University of Ottawa in the quarterfinals Nov. 10 and then, after being relegated to the consolation, dropping a 2 - 0 decision versus the University of Alberta Pandas the next day to be eliminated from the tournament.

Riding on the momentum of the AUS banner they won a few days earlier, the Tigers came out strong against the Gee-Gees, controlling the flow of play and putting balls to the net. In the 42nd minute this led to a goal for striker Doriana Homerski, providing Dal with the lead as the first half came to a close.

The start of the second marked a change in Ottawa. Moving up the side with ease, they began an offensive onslaught. The Gee-Gees managed three goals in under six minutes, which speaks not only to their offensive skill, but the breakdown of Dal’s defence as well.

After the third goal the Tigers returned to their style of play, controlling the ball in the midfield and creating chances. Homerski added one more to the scoreboard in the 64th minute, but the damage was already done. Ottawa would advance to the semifinals and later win the bronze medal, whereas Dal would meet Alberta, the loser of a quarterfinal against Queen’s, the eventual national champions.

The Dal and Alberta match would be the final game of the year for the Tigers as they sat on the wrong side of a 2 - 0 result. Alberta won their next game to finish fifth.

The success of this Tigers team is not to be undermined by their failure to win a CIS medal. Representing the AUS is an impressive feat in itself, as is almost defeating the team that would later win bronze, the Gee-Gees.

Bright future

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Dal’s defence has been good this year, but not great. Poor play by the backline has resulted in botched games—refer to paragraph four for a reminder. McGregor-Bales has to trust her defensive partners and pass the ball, rather than simply kicking it to an open midfield, which causes a lot of turnovers. Andi Vanderlann will need to play at the same level as she did in the latter half of the season, and Hutchison may want to clone her for the other side of the pitch. Behind her, Taryn McKenna may be fighting for her spot as starting keeper. A lack of consistency may lead Hutchison to start Shannon Junor instead—next pre-season will be the determining factor.

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Men’s hockey loses eight in a row

Losing skid persists as injuries wrack up

On Nov. 12, Dalhousie’s men’s hockey team found yet another way to lose.

In what was perhaps a testament to Dal’s disappointing fortunes this season, Tigers forward Jacob Johnston mistakenly fired a wrist shot into his team’s empty net while aiming to round the puck along the boards in his own zone with just 46 seconds left in the game, giving UPEI their sixth and final goal to beat the Tigers 6 – 3. Panthers forward Jordan Knox was credited with the goal.

The loss extends the Tigers losing streak to eight games. With a total of four points on the season, Dal now sits in last place in the AUS, behind the St. Thomas Tommies.

The night before the Tigers stumbled against CIS No. 1 ranked UNB, as well, losing 9 - 2.

Despite these struggles, Dal remains optimistic.

“The last few games we have been putting things together and getting a lot of offensive chances on our shifts,” said Johnston after the weekend defeats. “The problem is, the puck is not going in the net. I don’t know how to fix it but we just have to keep trying and working and hopefully things will go in the net, and maybe we will be able to have a little bit of a turnaround.”

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Dal rookie and third-string goalie Phillip Wright saw the first start of his university career on Saturday.

“I felt good in there,” said Wright, who had 28 saves. “It was my first game and there are a lot of emotions going into it. I mean, bottom line is, we came up short. It’s never fun to lose but I was glad to get in the net.”

Taking a 3 - 1 lead into the second period, the Panthers had a response for everything the Tigers threw at them. The second period was probably one of the best the Tigers have played all season, producing a strong forecheck and getting shots to the net, but they only had one goal to show for it.

Dal forward Trevor MacKenzie scored 6:28 into the period to trail by only a goal, down 3 - 2; however, Panthers forward Matt Carter replied just 36 seconds later to maintain UPEI’s two goal advantage. Jared Gomes of the Panthers, MacKenzie and UPEI’s Knox each had a goal in the third.

A cause for the Tigers lack of scoring may be the rash of injuries they have suffered since the start of the season. Forwards Francois Gauthier, Patrick Daley, Kyle Decoste, Costa Zafiris, Brad McConnell, defensemen Zachary Firlotte and starting goalie Bobby Nadeau are all sidelined.

Also out of the lineup in Saturday’s game was forward Shea Kewin. He was one of the team’s leading scorers last season. Head coach Pete Beliveau said it was “a game-time decision” to not dress Kewin.
Tigers basketball shows bite
Young men’s team puts up fight despite collapsing twice

Ian Froese
Sports Editor

This isn’t the Tigers basketball team you recognize from last season.

“...There’s no sign of superstars Simon Farine or Joseph Schow running the show. Neither is Sandy Veit, Jubilee Grant or Peter Leighton available to round out what was probably Dalhousie’s top six players.”

Instead, the Tigers have promoted many of their returning players to starting roles.

And what a welcome they received, opening the regular season this past week with two respectable performances at the Dalplex, although they would lose both. Dal narrowly dropped their season opener 71 - 68 to Acadia, unable to sink a buzzer-beater Nov. 9, and then on Nov. 12 the Tigers defence broke down opposite St. FX to lose 85 - 71.

Tigers head coach John Campbell knows his fresh-faced outfit needs a new identity now that its veteran core is gone. “We need to start getting some tangible results as opposed to just playing well. We need to start winning some basketball games.”

“We’re a much different team from a physical standpoint, we’re a much different team from a skill set standpoint and even from a personality standpoint, so for us it’s about finding out what we have to do to be effective.”

Late heroics fail
The reigning AUS champion Tigers would have been on the cusp of the final seconds of their regular season opener to concede a defeat to the Axemen.

Dal in a backcourt swarm from a foul that changed the game to get ahead of the Axemen, but were often just a few points away. In the third quarter, however, Dal held the advantage for a majority of the frame.

Dal defence slumps
In the Tigers’ next game last Saturday, the black and gold didn’t appear too interested in another fight.

“We played defence that game. That’s the difference. The difference in this game is that we weren’t focused. We came up for the first half, we were ready to play, but in the second half we weren’t ready at all,” said Nortmann. “That’s the main thing right there.”

St. FX player of the game Terry Thomas noticed the change from a capable Tigers defence to a sloppy shadow of its former self as the game progressed. “What changed was that we didn’t give them second chances. We put a body on them and kept with them because they were really hustling,” he said.

Thomas’ 19 points was top on the scoresheet for his team, Jeremy Dunn and Rodrigo Madera each added 15. Aside from Nortmann, Alexander Arthur was the only other Dal player to have above 10 points, shooting 14 in just 20 minutes of play.

For a team that claimed an AUS banner last spring, Campbell explained there will be some growing pains. “Our record obviously isn’t very good [right now], and this is a team that is used to winning so we’re trying to find some solutions to that,” Campbell said. “We need to start getting some tangible results as opposed to just playing well. We need to start winning some basketball games to stay positive.”

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AUS takes silver, bronze at men’s soccer nationals
Goal crazy Gigolaj nudges SMU to second

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The Saint Mary’s Huskies’ strong play the past two weekends at the AUS championships and then at the CIS championships was enough to earn them a gold medal match against the Victoria Vikes.

Unfortunately for the Huskies, they came up short, losing 3 - 1 to a very skilled and organized Victoria team, but Saint Mary’s still earned a silver medal. It’s a surprising jump for the team that was ranked sixth in the AUS.

In a very skilled but physical affair where the referees handed out seven yellow cards, both teams showed early that they wanted the gold medal.

Victoria’s Wes Barrett made the crowd of 3,025 go nuts when he scored on a stunning long-range effort at the death of the first half.

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Engineering Co-op: Travelling Willy-Nilly

Second year is an exciting time for many Dalhousie Engineering Students. The option for participating in the Co-operative Engineering program presents itself. Traditionally engineering is a four year program, with Co-op the program this is extended up to five years.

Dalhousie’s Sextant Campus provides senior engineering courses to students departing from universities across Nova Scotia. These Universities only provide the first two years of engineering education and all feed into Dalhousie. Just prior to entering third year on Sexton Campus, second year engineering students make a decision between co-op or regular four year streams. By large in most of the students in Chemical, Environmental, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Biological disciplines at Dalhousie choose the Co-op option.

The Co-op program provides senior students with an opportunity to split the final years of their degree into blocks of regular course work and work terms between hauling in 12 hour days at school 8 days a week and applying their knowledge to real world problems in the field. Students leave school on four to eight month internships after their fair share of applications, rejections, false promises, good interviews, bad interviews, bad seeking, in the end, that golden offer. Since the co-op work terms occur before students have any professional accreditation or significant industry experience, such exposure generally exists with large companies.

There are many good reasons for entering the Co-op program, a complete list appears on the Dalhousie Engineering Co-op website; this article focuses on cheap travel. When hired, many large companies will pay for your relocation costs. Under such circumstances, numerous four month work terms in alternating locations can appease your addiction to travelling, through relocation to job sites and the willy-nilly in between. There are postings for jobs all over Canada, in large cities and isolated settings alike. Do not be afraid to leave Nova Scotia and test your comfort zone.

After exploring black verses white, fact verses fiction, growth verses reduction, left verses right and other ever-present absolutist attitudes in university, some serious grouping is always in order. The blurring and complete destruction of those ideals, that once seemed so clear and neat, occurs travelling through Canada’s nooks and crevices. Travelling addiction, brought on by the desire for the unknown, evolves ever so slightly over time. Once you have had a taste, it’s difficult to settle down.

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