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The DSU Council has made the decision to leave their current lobby groups, Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations, and join the Canadian Federation of Students. Let the protests begin!!

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students has been ousted from the DSU! This will take place effective May 1st. We wish them all the best in the creation of a Graduate Student Union.

Due to the fact that no DSU service is allowed to make money, the T-Room will not be re-opening in the fall.

After a recent appearance on MTV's Pimp My Ride, the Tiger Patrol shuttles are no longer 15 passenger vans, but Cadillac Escalades. The DSU wanted to respond to St. Mary's University's recent marketing campaign: "We are #1". Tiger Patrol's new slogan will now be, "Sure SMU says they are #1, but is Husky Patrol ridin' on 22's?"

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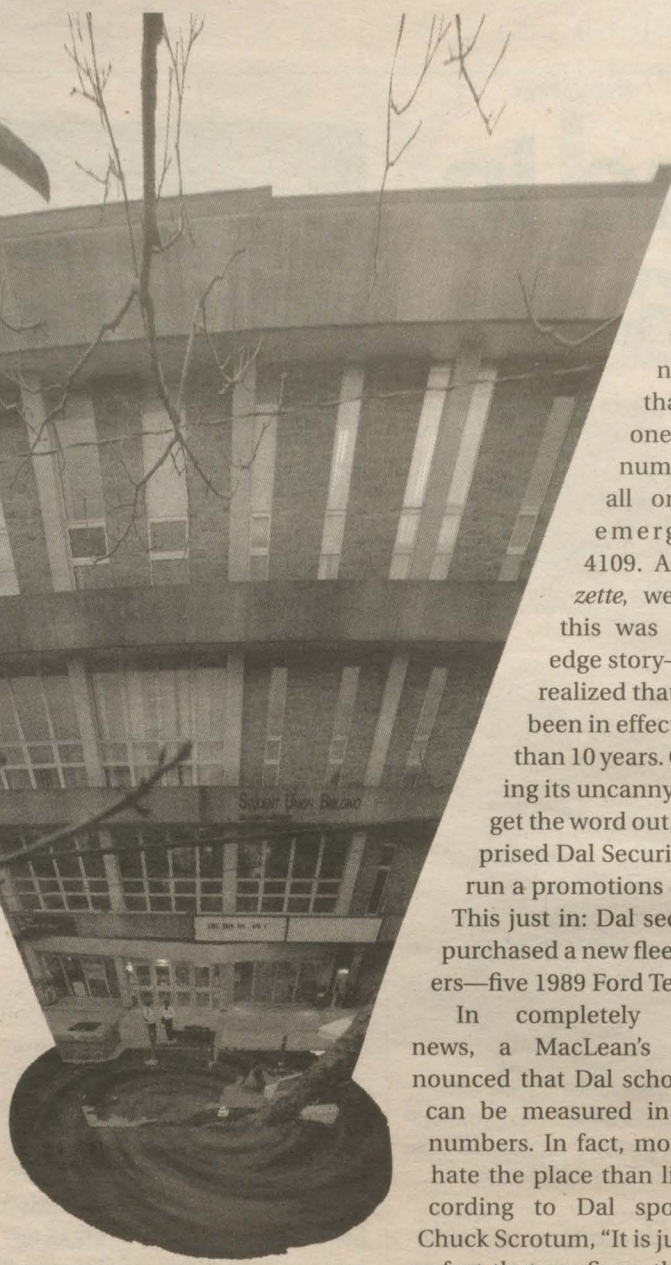
Quincy Casem
Editor-Overlord

Seeing as though it is the end of the year and my energy level is low (and seeing as though I really don't care anymore), this week's editorial will address random thoughts I've had over the past year. Or, in other words, I will essentially take one last swipe at a university that will be pestering me for alumni donations for the next 40 years. These are my last few days at Dalhousie—and it's time to go out on a high note.

Our student government once again displayed why nobody would care if the SUB suddenly slipped into a prehistoric sinkhole and vanished forever. This year's DSU elections made elections in the U.S. and Iraq look like the height of democracy. Who won? I don't know, I'll tell you in three to four weeks after five appeals, a United Nations tribunal and a Boy Scouts' Court of Honour. What a joke.

Students finally got that tuition freeze they were hoping for. Nova Scotian universities and the province agreed on a 3.9 per cent lock on yearly increases. Unfortunately, professional and international students were ripped a new asshole as a result. These students will now pay thousands more each year to make up the difference, all because they are extremely intelligent and capable of pursuing a career that might actually pay them a decent salary.

Well, at least that slacker in the sixth year of his BA won't have to work more than 20 hours a week during the summer to pay his tuition. Not to mention the fact that Nova Scotia just caused itself a major doctor shortage, to commence in the next 10 years, by pissing off every native born med student in the province.



-Hey, you want to grab lunch at the Grawood?

-The what?

-You know, Dal's cool student pub/Palace rip off.

-I didn't know Dal had a student bar.

Apparently no one does—or they do know about it, but hate it enough to never go there. In

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quite possibly the year's best news story, the *Gazette* revealed that the Grawood lost more than \$100,000 of students' money. Why does no one go to the Grawood? For the same reason no one eats lunch at the Palace—cause of the

sluts. In another story, it was announced that Dal has one phone number for all on-campus emergencies: 4109. At the *Gazette*, we thought this was a cutting edge story—until we realized that 4109 has been in effect for more than 10 years. Considering its uncanny ability to get the word out, I am surprised Dal Security doesn't run a promotions company. This just in: Dal security has purchased a new fleet of cruisers—five 1989 Ford Tempos.

In completely made-up news, a MacLean's poll announced that Dal school's spirit can be measured in negative numbers. In fact, more people hate the place than like it. According to Dal spokesperson Chuck Scrotum, "It is just another fact that confirms the incompetence of the university board of governors." After making the comments, Scrotum resigned his position, saying, "Fuck this, I'm going to SMU."

And, as for in-house news, the *Gazette* set a record for letters received concerning one story: six letters poured in for my editorial on Danny Williams and his childish approach to bettering Newfoundland and Labrador. Many

readers questioned my historical knowledge. Apparently my parents were right: having an MA in Atlantic Canadian history doesn't mean shit.

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DSU Cat-astrophe in the Mix for 2006

Savon MacDoodleton
Staff Handywoman

Although a DSU committee is recommending that the union ban voting completely because of student apathy, a potential candidate for next year's race doesn't think that's a good idea. The past two DSU elections have been fraught with tension and uncertainty: popularly elected candidates have been ousted on the basis of technicalities and, this year, even reinstated three weeks after the vote.

But one young lady plans to change all that.

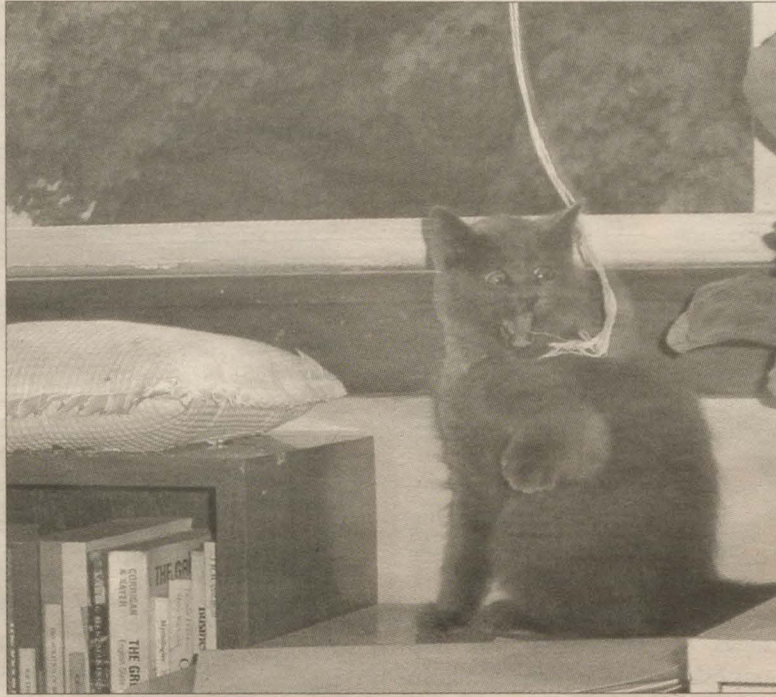
"I feel I have no choice but to declare myself a candidate for DSU president in the 2006 election," Nemo says in a press release issued by her assistant, history professor Todd McCallum.

Nemo made her decision based on a moral conviction that Dalhousie students deserve to have certainty in the electoral process. "When they head to the polls, they ask themselves, which candidate will be disqualified next?" asks Nemo. "Will my vote be counted, or will it be meaningless?"

But the DSU Electoral Reform Committee's plan may not be the only force acting against Nemo. She is, the *Gazette* has learned, a domesticated housecat.

To aid her cause, she has issued a four-point plan:

1. I will buy votes.
2. Borrowing a page from the Yanks, where many minorities were removed from voting rolls through specious means, I pledge to use subterfuge to disenfranchise all members of campus fraternities. "Why?" students may ask. I say, "why not?"
3. I haven't been de-clawed, a fact my opponents will realize less than five minutes into the first candidates debate.
4. I will hunt down and claw out



It's guaranteed that the DSU president-elect next year will be a pussy. / Photo: Rufus Andro

the eyes of whoever is foolish enough to put on that f@#%ing tiger suit.

When questioned about the morality of scratching her opposition, Nemo says that she is merely following the example of presidential hopefuls who have

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—Nemo, DSU president-elect hopeful

run before her.

Current DSU president-by-appeal Curtis McGrath is not impressed. "We oppose the wisdom of such a move," says McGrath.

Still, McGrath has no plans to mobilize students against Nemo. "Fundamentally, students are too busy with study and part-time jobs to concern themselves over tuition increases. Or cats,

rather."

Nemo is working to assemble a team of candidates to run alongside her, so that she won't find herself mired in election "steals" by unpopular candidates who win only because their names are at the top of the ballot.

An anonymous source has informed the *Gazette* that Hudson Mitchell, the feline offspring of history professor Colin Mitchell, has vowed to win the seat of VP of student life. But Hudson will have to stay at least five kilometres off campus, the distance stipulated in a restraining order filed against him following his 2004 attack on university president Tom Traves.

Hudson promises that as VP of student life, he'll let the Greenwood die. "That way, we can all go to the Palace without guilt," he says.

Though they haven't yet made it official, Nemo and Hudson are currently working out their campaign slogan. "We've got nine lives, so help us waste one serving the DSU" is the current favourite.



Dal Security makes a martyr of this Catholic student. Photoshopping: Rufus Andro

Dalhousie Bans Religion on Campus

Ursula Stoolumsky
Sentence Editor

Dalhousie's administration plans to ban all religious practices on campus, beginning September 2005. While students will be free to practice religion on their own time and off university property, the administration has decided to completely disassociate itself from religion in all its forms.

"We think the best way to encourage diversity is to prohibit practices that may be offensive to some students," says Dal president Tom Traves. "The walk-in prayer clinics at the SUB, the dude who sells stories like 'My Life as a Broom' while preaching about Jesus, even the all-denominations-welcome services at the King's chapel, have to go."

While the decision is undoubtedly controversial, many faculty members have expressed their support. "Drug use and smoking are banned on university property, so why not religion too?" asks Philip Alloy, a Dal chemistry professor. "Just as people should be free from the dangers of secondhand smoke, students should not have to deal with aggressive religious interest groups on campus."

Helen Spondee of the English department agrees. "I think it's important for Dal to encourage critical thinking and reasoning rather than blind faith," she says.

"Dal is a secular institution, after all. If we don't put a check on religious practice on campus, who knows what we can expect in the future? Public stoning? Hands being cut off of the people who steal courtesy umbrellas?"

The religious ban will also include the comparative religion department. "Really, the department is so small I doubt anyone will notice when it's gone," says a (former) comparative religion major. "Still, it's a shame that students won't be able to take courses from this department anymore."

"We've decided that religious education is outside of Dal's jurisdiction," says Traves. "The Atlantic School of Theology is a more appropriate setting for such instruction."

Josiah Lowe, a Dal student and former practicing Catholic, supports the university's decision—despite widespread opposition among other believers. "I agree with what Dal is saying," says Lowe. "Religion has no place in a secular institution."

And his decision to stop practicing Catholicism? "I got tired of all the limitations Catholicism imposes. They say that anyone fourteen years or older isn't allowed to eat meat during Lent, and that it's a sin to use birth control or study cosmology. Who makes up these crazy rules? I'm glad Dal has finally decided to divorce itself from religion."

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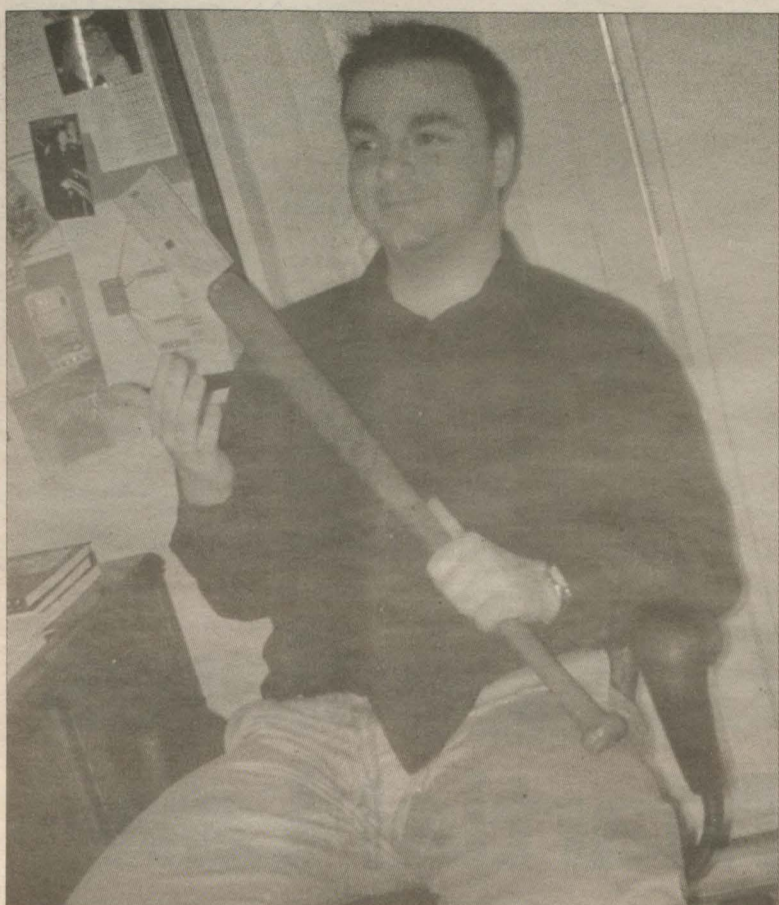
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DSU... Dictatorship?

New proposal could sideline students' electoral input

Chesty LaRue
Witty Title

The Dalhousie Student Union will no longer have to worry about poor voter turnout if a new proposal is approved by DSU Council: a committee has recommended that council remove students' right to vote altogether.

"Turnout has been decreasing," says DSU President Curtis McGrath, who sat on the Electoral Reform Committee. "So why not take out the middleman? If students don't care about voting, then they won't care about losing their rights."

A DSU councilor, who wishes to remain anonymous, says that this year's election was a wake-up call.

"The students who actually did vote chose unfamiliar faces," she says. "With the new regulations, we could just keep the old DSU clique in power forever."

The Council will vote on the recommendations on April 22, but if ratified, the recommendations wouldn't kick in until 2006—when McGrath plans to return to lead a transitional government, stacked with executive members of his own choosing. "We're hoping the incoming executive will be bad enough that students will feel so guilty, they'll thank us next year for taking away their role in the elections process," he says.

The Electoral Reform Committee studied several models before coming up with their plan. The election systems of Cuba, China and the former Soviet Union were all tabled. Tony Chad, another committee member, says the plan contains a mix

of the three. "A student dictatorship is always going to be different," he says. "But we've been mostly influenced by Cuba, because we know a lot of students go there for spring break."

Interestingly, the committee has the full support of Dal's po-

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—Curtis McGrath,
Current DSU President

litical science department. "Voting is so passé," says Paul Chrétien, the president of the Political Science Students' Society. "We ran an SPSS analysis of past DSU voting patterns, and realized that the students didn't always make the most rational choices."

Most students interviewed didn't care about whether they can vote next year or not. "The DSU doesn't do much of anything, do they? If they ban voting, it would be the biggest thing the DSU has done since I've been here," says fifth-year arts student Tauro Anto.

As for McGrath, he thinks Council will vote in favour of the proposal, even though it eliminates the council itself. "They're a bunch of sheep anyway," he says. "They do whatever I say, especially if I threaten them with my bat."

Aramark Customers Smell a Rat

Poppie Tittootlestone
My Little-Pony Peddler

What's worse than finding a fly in your soup? Try a fully-grown rat—exactly what Dalhousie student Al Glover discovered in a soup he purchased from the Killam Library Bistro on April 6.

"It was shocking," Glover says. After paying for his meal, Glover sat down and removed the soup's semi-transparent lid only to find that it didn't look quite right. "There was this lump in the middle," he says, adding that he thought it was a potato, but knew that would have been impossible. "Aramark doesn't put real vegetables in their soups," he says, a statement later confirmed by the company.

As Glover started poking his lunch with a spoon, a small snout appeared and two bulbous little eyes looked up at him. "He was swollen in a bad way, and his fur was stained orange," Glover explains, "but his eyes were clear, and black."

After notifying the Bistro staff that the soup he'd been sold was unfit to eat, Glover brought his discovery to Dalhousie medical professor Marion Webster, so she could to perform an autopsy on "the poor little guy," as Glover calls his deceased lunch companion. "It appears that he did indeed drown," Webster says,

explaining that there was also extensive internal organ damage resulting from the rat's ingestion of large quantities of concentrated soup stock. "There was a lot of trauma and evidence of poisoning," she says.

It is well known that rats and other rodents have been long-term residents of the Killam Library, but the soup incident was a rodent's most blatant attempt yet to share lunch with a student. "They rarely come out, except at night," claims a custodian, who would not agree to be interviewed unless he/she remained

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—Mary Allans,
Dal history student

anonymous. "I've seen rats about eight inches long, mostly around the washrooms and trash cans in the stacks," the custodian said.

Rats are attracted by granola crumbs left under desks in the stacks, which are relatively low-traffic areas and may provide comfortable nesting spots for rats and mice.

As for how the rat actually

made his entrance into the Bistro, it is possible that he burrowed through the walls and chewed his way into the place, or simply crawled under the security gate.

"Aramark is as surprised as Mr. Glover ... We have never used rat meat in any of our soups or pastas," says Aramark spokesman Ian O'Toole. But O'Toole declined to comment on whether rat meat had ever been used in the company's line of deli sandwiches.

"Not only have the majority of our Dalhousie outlets passed health inspections once, but twice. That's two years in a row!" he bragged.

Students are somewhat more skeptical. "I have seen employees go from handling raw bacon to preparing bagels," says history student Mary Allans. "It's disgusting, and really just a matter of time until they get nailed." Dalhousie should take some responsibility for the dire food situation on campus, Allans says.

To date, Glover has planned no legal action against Aramark or the university administration, fearing that it could jeopardize his recently-awarded full scholarship.

"I don't want to lose my education because of one rat," he says. "But if there are more, I might consider transferring to St. Mary's."

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Gazette Editor-in-Chief Goes "Totally Ape-Shit"

Masturbating Bear
Crime Reporter

The editor-in-chief of the Dalhousie *Gazette* is missing and presumed disgruntled. Quincy Casem has not been seen or heard from in weeks, leaving the *Gazette's* production crippled.

Casem was last seen leaving the *Gazette* office, located in the Student Union Building, with his two prized pellet guns, mumbling something about "those damn King's hippies." One source claimed to have seen Casem in the turret of the Henry Hicks building eyeing the King's campus for stragglers.

According to co-workers at the *Gazette*, Casem often talked with disdain for what he described as "the ones we don't speak of," when referring to King's students.

Sports editor Mick Gorton says that Casem often lamented about King's students, particularly their poor hygiene and insistence on wearing Birkenstocks and wool sweaters, even in the

summer.

"He was always going on about how King's students all smell like they sleep in a cat's litter box," said Gorton. "He also bragged that he could pick off a hippy's hackie sack from one hundred yards. I know he would never hurt anyone, but if you are a King's student look out, he might blast that Nietzsche or Chaucer volume right out of your hand."

Casem's prowess with a pellet gun was well known around the *Gazette*—not only did he mount his squirrel hunting trophies around office, he also once shot copy editor Kristoph LaScrotm in the groin after LaScrotm attempted to grab the last Timbit from Casem's family pack.

Other sources at the paper say that Casem "snapped" after a year wrought with jealousy—Casem's own jealousy of the DSU president, who had "more power" than him.

"He often sat sobbing in the corner, repeating over and over: 'I can never be Curtis McGrath,'"

said layout editor Loutus Cover. "He really idolized Curtis and his leadership abilities. In his mind, there hadn't been such a natural-born leader since Napoleon."

In Casem's absence day-to-day operations at the paper have ground to a halt. And with no one in sight to replace him, some wonder if the *Gazette* can continue its reign as Dalhousie's best weekly newspaper.

"She's going down the shitter pretty fast," said K.T. Pooper, referring to the staff's failed attempts to right the ship in Casem's absence.

However, co-workers note that the consumption of Greco pizza on Monday night has decreased by upwards of 25 per cent. They also claim the office now smells much better since Casem left.

At press time, a missing persons report had been filed with Dal Security in hopes of locating Casem. An official at Dal Security said they hoped to investigate before the Fall term.



Dal students will be psckin' heat. / Photo: Rufus Andro

Dal Declares Martial Law on Campus

Hor Ni Fordatats
Foreign Correspondent

At a recent press conference, Dalhousie officials announced that martial law will be instituted on campus in time for the fall semester.

Beginning in September 2005, students will be allowed to take the law into their own hands using vigilante justice. For the purposes of setting boundaries, Dal is defining campus as anything in the square bordered by Coburg Rd., Robie St., South St. and Oxford St.

The move comes on the heels of increased complaints of muggings, robberies and harassment on campus.

"It's time we give the students the power to take care of themselves," said Eric McKee, Dal's VP of student services. "Too much shit has been going down and I'm tired of getting phone calls and emails from every kid who loses their iPod."

McKee said a big part of the problem stems from the uselessness of Dal security.

"I can't even tell you what they

do myself," he said. "Yesterday I think I saw one fighting with a pigeon over the Dawg Father's throwaways, while his partner went through the trash for unchecked roll up the rim cups."

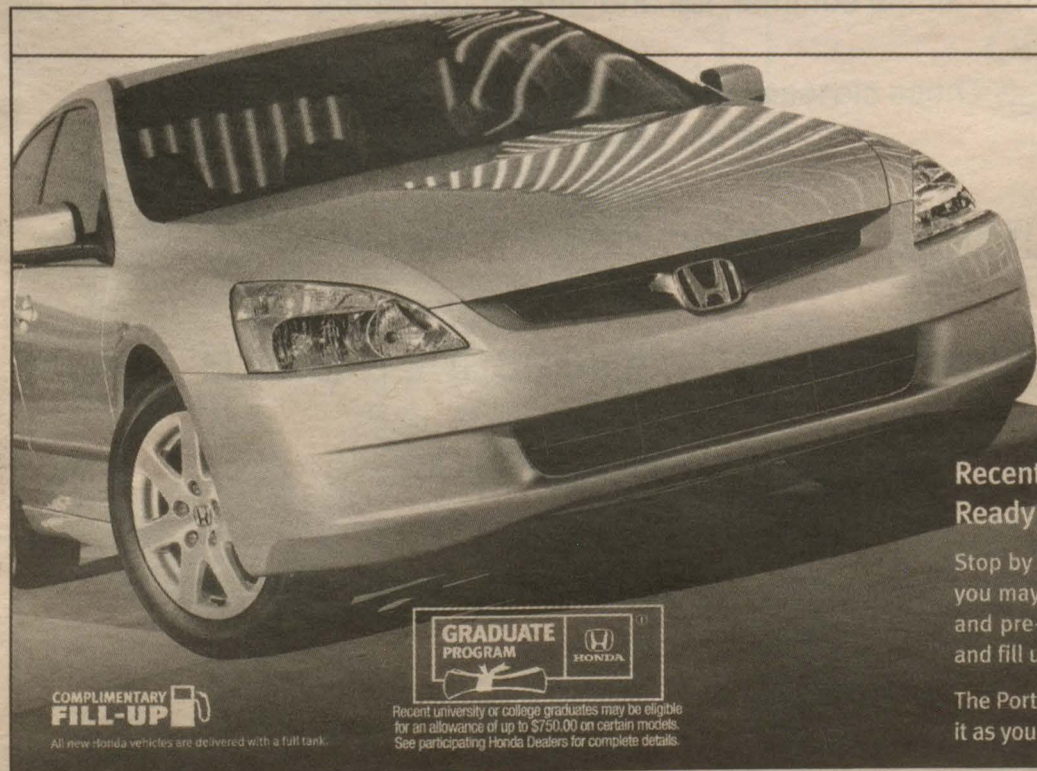
When asked for any other proof of Dal security's inability to protect campus, McKee pointed to the department's security motto—if we don't look into your problem within four weeks, we're probably not going to bother.

Clancy Wiggum, head of Dal security, said it isn't fair to blame all of the campus problems on his department.

"Have you seen these kids that are running around?" he asked. "I approached a trouble-maker one night and he wasn't the least bit scared of my flashlight. If shining a light in a kid's face isn't going to get them to stop, then quite frankly I'm out of ideas."

Wiggum said that his staff trains daily with a state of the art simulation program called Duck Hunt. Daily physical training is also required. But because none of the security officers are able

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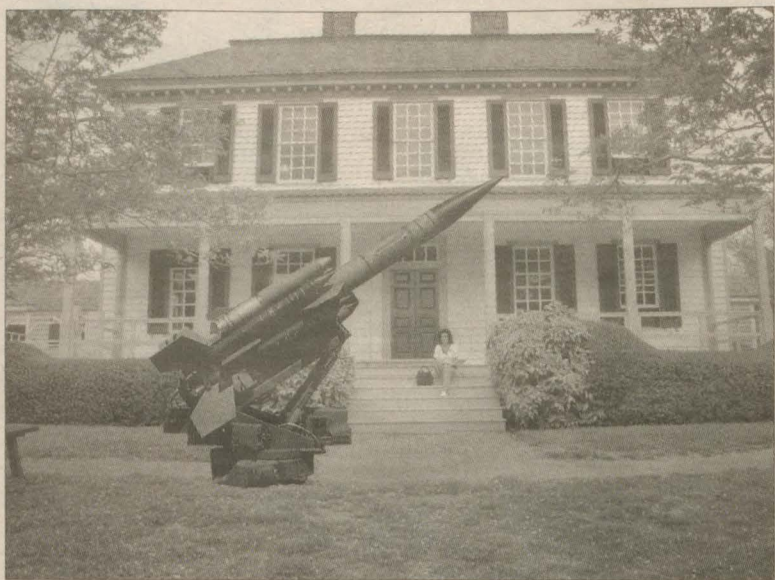


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Star Wars Comes to Dal

LeMarchant St. resident building own anti-nuclear missile silo

Sternbelly Hogwart
From Behind

An unidentified resident living at 6161 LeMarchant St. has decided to ignore the Canadian government's decision to stay out of a U.S.-designed anti-ballistic missile defence system, opting to build his or her own system instead.

In an anonymous letter delivered to every house on LeMarchant St. in March, the resident wrote that he was "disgusted, stupefied and girlishly annoyed with the actions of Paul Martin and the Liberal government," continuing to state that "the government's decision is unacceptable to me ... and I am losing all of my beautiful golden locks over this." The letter, which outlined the resident's plans to construct his own BMD system in the front yard of his LeMarchant residence, was signed "Mr. Grumpy" and postmarked as originating 6161 LeMarchant St.—an address registered to Dr. Frank Harvey, a Dalhousie political science professor and noted pro-BMD advocate.

After receiving several complaints about the letter, Halifax Regional Police went to Harvey's 6161 LeMarchant St. residence to investigate—only to find a near-

completed ballistic missile interceptor sitting on the residence's front lawn. Harvey, who has visited the Balkans and Russia several times, is known around the political science department as having "strong black market ties" and, according to one retiring professor, is in possession "beautiful locks of golden hair," was later spotted by police fiddling with what police call "a big shiny piece of metal."

When approached and confronted by police over the letter, Harvey denied any allegations, shifting what appeared to be a "nuclear-grade screwdriver" into his back pocket.

"Some hoodlums must have put this large, hard-to-obtain missile launching system in my backyard by accident," he told police. "Or maybe it was some pranks."

Harvey complained that because he lives near campus, and the campus-based publication the *Gazette* often publishes his address, he is subject to constant "pranking"—including the piles of AK-47s police once found in his garage, briefcases full of C4 explosive he once left in a taxi, and an entire family of Ukrainian "sausage-makers" he once put

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Keystone cops on some next level shit...

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to fit in the ballroom at Dalplex, the exercise regimen hasn't been maintained.

"Let's face it, we really have no idea what we're doing," said Wiggum.

Meanwhile, students are trying to figure out what this will mean for them.

McKee said that under the new rules, students will be allowed to bring weapons to school and flash them around at people who look at them the wrong way—but explosives and automatic weapons are not allowed.

Early student reaction, as far as this reporter can tell, is positive.

"I really feel naked without my gun," said Shelly Manson, a third-year romantic poetry major. "I even sleep with it, so it's nice to know I don't have to leave it at home anymore."

Jason Myers summed up the whole issue poignantly:

"Before, I was always worrying about being safe and not carrying my wallet," he said. "Now that I can have my grampy's elephant gun, I tape \$50 bills to my coat and dare people to hassle me."



Dalhousie's administration sticks a knife into the back of the *Gazette*.

Dalhousie's Internet Homepage Puts *Gazette* out of Business

Staunchy McTurkinheimer
Newsmasterbaiter

Dalhousie students won't be finding any copies of the *Gazette* around campus this fall. Editor-in-chief Quentin Casey announced today that the Dalhousie University website and the *my.dal* portal have become so popular that students have turned their backs on the campus newspaper. The *Gazette* will be filing for bankruptcy.

"We simply can't compete with Dal's technological and politically zealous tactics," Casey says. "Each week there's another amazingly interesting article about things like Ultimate Frisbee and *Pride and Prejudice* that absolutely everyone cares about. The fact that it's all spoon-fed biased propaganda coming from the university only makes students more comfortable. That website is like our version of Fox News. Students can go there, read its stories, and feel warm and fuzzy all over. Why would they ever need to hear the truth ever again?"

Opinions editor Li Dong—from his chilly highly fortified compound outside of Bedford—elaborates on the superiority of the website to that of the *Gazette*. "It's the damn people they put up on there, those damn faces," he says while shivering despite the warm temperature. "Every time they update the website, there are beautiful and ethnically diverse individuals there. But are there even that many coloured people on this damn campus? If we were judging by the website, every second person at Dalhousie would be a colour other than white."

Dong also thinks the website's video version of the *Gazette's* formerly-popular Streeter section has something to do with the paper's demise. "It's remarkable! I don't blame students for watching their Streeter instead of reading ours. The average age of the people they interviewed was something like 37. What student can resist that? Who could not be charmed by the ridiculous 5:1 guy-to-girl ratio?"

A Dal economics professor, who would not agree to be interviewed unless he remained anonymous, thinks the Portal's computer problems only increase its popularity. "It's simply supply and demand," he says. "Since the *Gazette* is everywhere on campus and the Dal Portal crashes ever 10 minutes, students naturally log on to the website more

because it's so exclusive to find that it's working... It's like when the first store ran out of pogs so many years ago, suddenly people just had to have them."

Dalhousie VP of Student Services Eric McKee—the King of the Portal—is showing no remorse. He emerged from a smoky dungeon clad in a cape and a fedora to utter one thing—"We shall crush the *Gazette* like the testicles of impotent lambs"—before returning to what may very well be the gates of Hell.

Could this be it for Canada's oldest student newspaper? Could the *Gazette* really find itself at the

bottom of newspaper tartarus, along with the *SMU Journal* and

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—Li Dong,

Gazette Opinions Editor

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News Briefs

King's student discovers "miracle" of deodorant

An University of King's College student inadvertently discovered a stick of Old Spice Original in the stack of the King's library on Saturday, raising a stink over the small campus's two-hundred-year-old track record of violating every health safety rule in existence.

"Yeah, I just like, found it in-between Hegel's treatise on feline promiscuity and Homer's work on Cartesian triangle theory and thought, like, 'wow, isn't this translucent-but-not-translucent colour is soooo existential?'" said the student, who was found selling single-applications of the stick to his fellow students at \$1 a shot. King's students, a migratory race of pinheads known for being covered in up to three inches of semi-dried, mud-like shit at any one time, are one of the laziest student demographics, sleeping up to 22 hours a day and rarely ingesting anything but lipids.

More importantly, the discovery of deodorant in the King's library has brought centuries of conflict between Dalhousie and King's administration over basic hygiene to a head.

"Normally the wind is blowing the other way across campus, so we're a happy family" said Dal spokesperson Bing Crosby. "But sometimes the weather has its way, as it did in 1977, and we have to have Dal security hand

out emergency nose plugs and goggles to all students.

"It can really be messy."

Crosby's biggest fear is that with the new social acceptability afforded by proper deodorization, King's student might begin exploring outside the King's Quad's borders—and on to Dal campus.

"Can you imagine what would happen?" Crosby asked. "Half-putrid hippies would start wandering around campus, joining societies and, damnit, even contributing to civil society. Can you imagine? We'd have to start growing trees and paying attention to the environment. And the weekly seal hunt—well, there'd simply be no way we'd be able to continue with that."

Though the King's administration could not be reached for comment, Crosby was sure that the deodorant stick in question would be dealt with.

"The King's administration doesn't want a cleaner, more civilized student body as much as we don't," Crosby said. "It would totally ruin its \$500,000-year bio-hazard suit budget."

Nova Scotia Student Goes to Dalhousie

Matt McGraw, an average guy from Truro, Nova Scotia, says that he plans on going to Dalhousie this summer, making him the first Nova Scotian to be accepted by the university in decades. "I'm

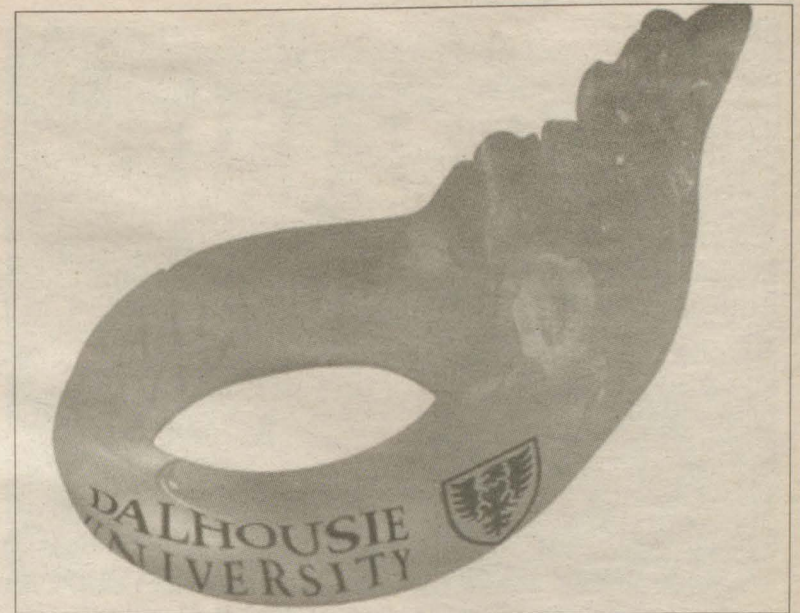
excited to meet all the people from Ontario," he says excitedly.

"I'm from Truro, so I've never encountered such upper Canadian things as Ugg Boots, Trucker hats and syphilis," he said, then hesitated and continued, "well, maybe I'm not so excited about the STD or anything."

Grawood Mysteriously Replaced by Quantum-Physics Anomaly

The once popular Grawood on Dal campus has morphed into a black hole. A black hole is a theoretical space in time (or time in space?). It is so dense that matter itself dissolves and it is hypothesized so that it can even absorb time. "We don't know what happened," says one former bartender of the faux-Palace disco, "one minute you're serving up gin and tonics, the next minute you're hanging out by a friggin' collapsed star." Senior Dal administrators, however, remain unphased by the change of scenery. This could possibly be due to the recent budget reports, which show that the black hole is still sucking-in less resources than the actual Grawood was.

Of course, none of this is true you realize. This is the annual spoof issue after-all. Although, after attending the last Wardroom Happy-hour, the first brief seems accurate.



Dal's new graduation rings: they're going fast. Photoshopping: Lu LaRude

Dal introduces New Line of Graduation Rings

Pookie Feel-Good
Beat (off) reporter

In an effort to increase lagging graduation ring sales, Dalhousie has announced that it will now offer graduation cock rings to students.

"Based on the sales in years past, it seems as though graduating students are ashamed to be associated with Dalhousie," says Justine Henine-Hardon, a sales rep with the university's official ring supplier.

The decision to offer cock rings to graduating students is also part of Dal's ongoing attempt to reinvent its image.

"We want to make the Dal ring more recognizable to people in Canada and around the world, like the X ring at St. FX.," says Dal spokesperson Chuck Scrotum.

"We are hoping that this move will make the Dal logo more identifiable, at least amongst students with questionable virtue."

Graduating students will be able to choose between three sizes: large, medium and small. According to salesperson Cindy Sanders, the small rings have been very popular on the Sexton campus and are nearly sold out.

Ring sales have been steady so far, with retail booths located at the Student Union Building and in Alumni Lounge. Trying to tap the over-sexed youth market, the university has even set up a Saturday-night booth at The Palace.

Graduating English student Derrick Thompson says he purchased a ring as a way to remem-

ber his years at Dal—and as a way to fight his recurring impotence.

"Sadly, I have earned the nickname 'The Soft Stallion' around the ladies in the English department," says the honours student. "But now I'm hard for hours." Despite his boost in performance,

"Sure, we have tuition levels that border on anal rape. But at least you can graduate from this institution with a cold metal ring around your dong. That's one thing you can't get at UofT."

- Tom Traves,
President of Dal

however, Thompson says he still suffers from premature ejaculation—effectively making the ring pretty much useless.

Dal is the first university in Canada to introduce cock rings as a commencement memento. Dal president Tom Traves says the initiative is just another example of Dal's standing as an innovative university.

"Sure, we have tuition levels that border on anal rape," said Traves. "But at least you can graduate from this institution with a cold metal ring around your dong. That's one thing you can't get at UofT."

Traves says that if the rings prove to be popular this year, he would consider introducing graduation ball-stretchers for 2006.

Nuke them bastards...

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up in his Dalhousie offices.

"I'm being had, I tell you," he said, scratching his unusually bald-looking head while using a well-laid-out markerboard diagram set up in his backyard to explain his frustration. "I haven't even seen Star Wars anymore

than a dozen times," he said.

Harvey is most recognized for his many Donner, Pulitzer and Blackwell-nominated works, including *I Hate Our Hippie Government*, *Nuke the Gay Whales*, *BMD is the Way to Live a Happier Life* and his most recent novel, *How To Build Your Own Household Interspatial Defence Shield*.

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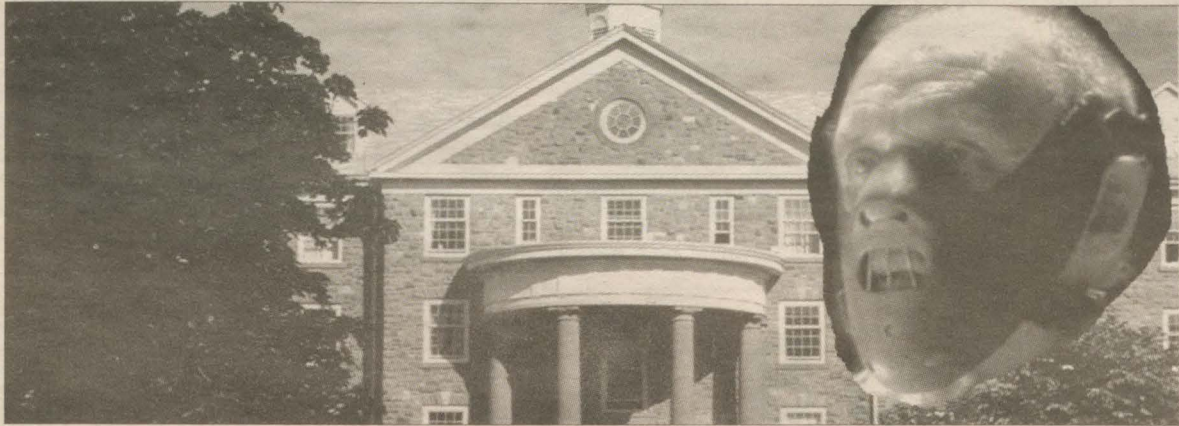
I am fed up with all the people who do nothing but bitch-bitch-bitch. Hey people, get a life. It's bad enough I have to put up with your rabid hand raising in class, but to open up the pages of the Gazette and have my delicate eyes offended by the words on the page is just too much.

Each week there's a new complaint, whether it's about tuition, people, politics or even the weather itself! I think we ought to tell all complaining people to cram it up their cramholes. Like seriously, do you people want some cheese with that whine? Or how about a fist? Yeah, this is me [begins

to rub thumb and index finger together] you know what that is people? It's me playing the smallest violin on earth! Because, a small violin signifies the tiny bit of sadness that your ranting and raving elicits within me (at least I think that's what it means). In the words of Jay-Z, who

is playing off the words of the hit song by Justin Timberlake, "ma, cry me a river build a bridge and get over it." I'm so fed up I could explode.

Vent (Lee Wang)



The good doctor had some inspired ideas.

A Modest Proposal

For preventing the poor students of King's from being a burden to their colleagues and university, and for making them beneficial to normal students

Donovan Swift
Trite Observer

It is a melancholy scene to be walking 'cross the atrium of the Killam library and seeing upon the faces of my fellow students a look of despair, no doubt stemming from the incursion of student debt upon their pocket-books. These students, instead of being able to spend their time nurturing the learning process and actively becoming productive citizens of our community, must deal with the never-ending strain of wondering how it is they will be able to relieve themselves of this financial burden after graduation.

I shall therefore humbly suggest my own thoughts on the matter, of which I believe there can be no rational counter-argument against, for the merits of my proposal truly rival the validity of quantum algebra.

I have been assured by a very learned member of the St. Mary's community that a bright, healthy King's student, well farmed as a

young adult, is a most delicious, nourishing and wholesome food whether baked, broiled, microwaved or barbecued; I have no doubt that they will equally serve in culinary forms akin to both casserole and pie.

King's students make up a substantial proportion of the university's population, and by removing this segment of the student body, the scholars of Dalhousie will free up much-needed resources for their continuing education. Furthermore, the meat of King's students is exceptionally tender because of their intrinsic physical inactivity. I dare say that the consistency of their flesh is not unlike the highest calibre of premium Norwegian veal (from the northern *Schlooben zat Moose* archipelago, of course).

Aside from the drastic reduction of the population, devouring the College of King's will also add stock to the academic ranks of Dalhousie as a whole. Suddenly, every King's student is appointed a material value—whereas before the fruits of these students' la-

bour could only be measured in degrees of arrogance. Now, their meat can and undoubtedly will be exported to other distant universities with hungry appetites for a proportional return, such as a new dry-erase markers for our whiteboards... or a medium-sized coffee from *Second Cup*.

I can think of no single objection that can possibly be raised in offence against this proposal. Therefore, let no man speak to me of alternatives: of getting involved in university activities to combat tuition rises, of writing meaningful letters to the administration; of actually "reading" the platforms of DSU candidates and electing members who may, one way or another, be most likely to make a difference; of stopping all our complaining and taking action; of embracing the education that we're receiving and accepting it as worth the expenses. Talk not to me about these expedients—because they are clearly inferior to the rightful path, the path of cannibalism.

The End.



One last look?

Behind the Stare

The Voice of Chris LaRoche speaks

Li Dong
Opinions Editor

My name is Li Dong, and my role at the *Gazette* is to fulfill the epic duty of writing what Chris LaRoche (aka: the guy from Streeter) says every week. Sometimes edits are made to my answers by the higher-ups, but for the most part Chris' words are my creation.

It all started as an inside joke amongst the *Gazettes* in the fall of 2003. Have you ever taken a picture that was so unflattering you wished you could reprint it 10,000 times? Believe me, it's quite daunting when you actually have those abilities at your fingertips. The first time the staff put Chris in Streeter, it was because he pretentiously stated that sweatpants were much too "frumpy" to wear outside of the gym. And thus began the tradition. The question that week became: "Are sweatpants suitable for wearing around campus?"

Each week, editors would scramble to make up a new answer and new field of study for the man whose haunting stare seems to pierce one's soul. Eventually, the inside joke spread beyond the walls of the *Gazette* office and included the entire

campus. Who *was* this guy? Did he actually say these bizarre things? How could anyone want to turn the Grawood into the Palace because of the *sluts*? Can we even do that?

In my ongoing job as Streeter coordinator, I can say that no cul-

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tural issue divides the students of Dalhousie more than Chris LaRoche. Some find him witty and wry; others find him annoying and obnoxious. One girl even stopped him at Stage Nine to give him a drunken rant over the previous week's anti-King's comments. On the other hand, he has been asked on more than one date as a result of his *Gazette* shenanigans.

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Love him or hate him, he does spark some sort of passion within all of us. The man has become more than just a human, he's become a semi-celebrity figure who speaks with a certain consistency of character. He is ruthlessly rude, grossly overeducated, bristlingly honest and has the brass balls needed to say what you all were probably thinking. Many do not know that these qualities are only slightly exaggerated from the real Chris LaRoche. I write all this despite the fact that he needs

an ego boost like the computer science building needs a *weight room*. Self-esteem isn't so much of an issue with this guy. A fine example of the contrasting emotions he aggravates comes from a girl who once told me: "at first, I thought he was super creepy... but then, when I realized it was all a joke, I became *strangely* attracted to him." How messed up is that?

Sometimes he wouldn't let me print some of the things I wrote. And who could blame him, since it was his face after all? I would always have him saying that he

jabbed "sensitive" parts of his body into instruments, animals, buckets of unspeakable substances, members of the DSU, etc. I'm surprised at some of the things he even let me get away with in the first place.

Since Chris will be taking the helm as the *Gazette's* Editor-in-Chief next year, his Streeter legacy now has to come to an end. Thanks go to Chris for being such a damn good sport—and don't even pretend, Chris, like I didn't help to get you free drinks all around the city.

Top 8

LAST WEEK

THIS WEEK

WEEKS ON CHART

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| A | N | TODD McCALLUM'S CAT RUNNING FOR DSU PRESIDENT AGAINST EZRA EDESTIEN
The jury's still out on who's more of a pussy. | B |
| L | U | EAT THE KING'S STUDENTS
No, I don't mean sexually... creep. | O |
| L | M | NO MORE RELIGIOUS OBSESSIONS ON DAL CAMPUS
Yes, this does include <i>bangbus.com</i> and MSN Messenger. | O |
| - | - | THE RETURN OF THE DALHOUSIE FOOTBALL TEAM
I hope the SMU team has plenty of lube. | B |
| F | B | OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF GOING CRAZY WITH AN AIR GUN
Much less annoying than him walking around the office flexing his biceps screaming, "The Gun Show!" | - |
| A | E | USING EVOLUTIONARY THEORY AT THE PALACE
Is like using the theory of relativity while wrestling an alligator. | I |
| K | R | FINDING A RODENT IN YOUR ARMARK FOOD
Rats just seem to be everywhere in the Student Union... Building. | E |
| E | S | JOSTEN'S NEW BRAND OF GRAD COCK RINGS
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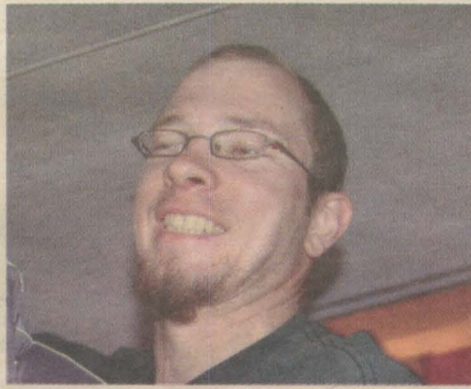
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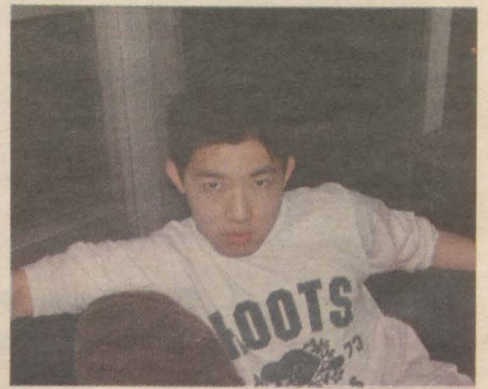
“Skinny-dipping at Chocolate Lake.
- Mike Gorman,
College Graduate



“Watching Mike skinny-dipping at
Chocolate Lake.
- Quentin Casey,
BA, Masters, No Job,
“Proud Parents”



“Taking pictures of Quentin
watching Mike skinny-dipping at
Chocolate Lake.
- Rafal Andronowski,
BJH (BJ. Blow Job, heh, heh)



“Writing shitty poetry. My flow is on
some next-level shit!
- Li Dong,
3rd-year English
(Ching-Chong-Ching (He wrote this))



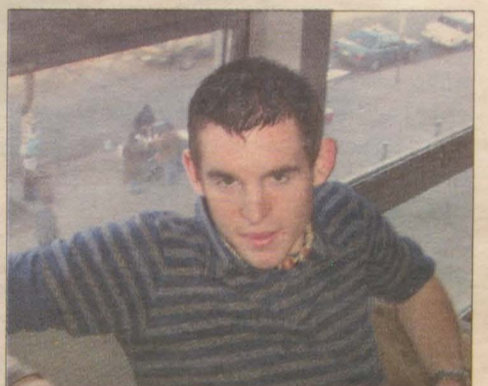
“Helping my brother pick-out new
sundresses.
- Nadine LaRoche,
3rd-year Journalism
(Her boyfriend is a recent high
school grad)



“Not being around you fucks.
- Loukas Crowther,
School is for suckers and rich kids
from Bedford



“My little sister's high school prom
party, I like to look. And I'm good at it.
- Joey Ryba,
4th-year Moosheads Stalker



“I don't wear sundresses.
You're all douchebags.
- Chris LaRoche,
Editor-In-Chief, 2005-2006
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Michael Jackson is making his way to the Pavillion for a special reunion tour with long-time friend and tambourinist, Maclaulay Culkin. As a theatrical event, Jackson will leave no prisoners, with a mime costume for "Black or White" and a school boy costume for the classic "I Want You Back." Admission is \$75, or \$25 if you bring a boy under 13 years of age. Promoters can't guarantee small boy will be returned. April 19 at 8 p.m.

LEMMY COMES TO YOUR PLACE

As part of the upcoming Motorhead show at the Halifax Forum, promoters are auctioning off a day with front man Lemmy Kilmister. All proceeds will go to the band. The highest bidder gets to spend the day drinking as much as their livers will allow at their home with Lemmy. Onsite stomach pumping will be available. The night will be capped off with a gourmet meal from the pizza corner dumpster. Let the bidding begin.

PLAYGIRL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Talent scouts will be on campus next week as part of the annual Playgirl Canada Cross Country Student Search. Any men under 27 and over 8 inches are asked to be at the McGinnus Room April 23 with a 10x12 glossy photo and ready to drop their pants.

WILL YOU TOSS MY SALAD?

The culinary arts society will be holding a "how to prepare salad in a way that makes people horny" class this Sunday in Ondaatje Hall. No advanced registration is required, however participants are asked to bring their own lettuce, as sharing it after it's been in someone else's ass might violate health codes. Phone 555-5555 for details.

Hot Spots

The Brand New Palace

So new it's fit for new-borns

Becky Mowat

Wet Rainsuit Contest Winner

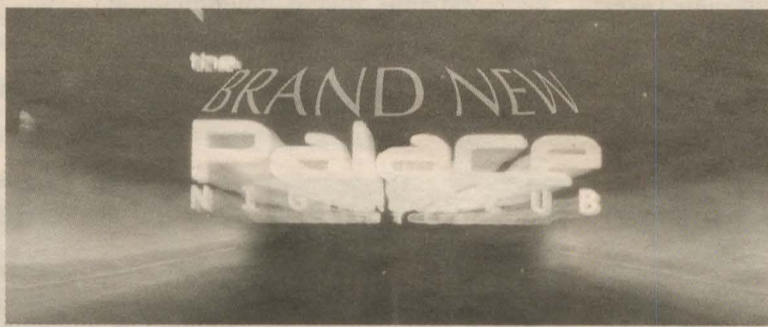
In 2003, after a proprietor merge and much needed renovations, The Palace owners Jack Newton and Paul Ace renamed the renowned Brunswick St. tavern "The New Palace." Now, after only two years, they have decided to reinvent the well-known pick-up bar once again.

"The truth is, as we get older, our priorities and goals are changing," explains Newton. "And we want the Palace to evolve right along with us." But while in 2003 Newton and Ace changed both the interior design and the bar's name, they are now in the process of changing the demographic of Palace customers—along with another name change.

"The Brand New Palace," Ace says proudly, "that's what it'll be called—so that the magic of the Palace as people know it and remember it will not be lost, but simply improved. It's better, newer."

The partners say the bar will "evolve" into a family restaurant; complete with a McDonald's-esque play area, cartoon wall hangings, coloring book menus, and child-safe high chairs. They have also changed the Palace hours, previously 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to accommodate their new breakfast, lunch and dinner agenda.

"Last year, my wife Jenny made me the luckiest man on earth by marrying me," says Newton. "She was the 2003 Wet T-Shirt champion, and from the



And good for kids, too! / Photo(+ shopping): Rafal Andronowski

moment I saw the first drop of water touch her beautiful face, I knew I would have to make her mine. And I did."

Now that he and Jenny are expecting their first child, Newton says they have decided to make a few lifestyle changes.

"With little Jack well on the way, I've decided that I want my son to grow up in a Palace that he enjoys, and that we enjoy together, as a family."

Ace and Newton say they see all their customers as family. In hopes of keeping their regulars happy throughout the drastic changes, they have redesigned some of the Palace's signature gimmicks.

"We used to have the wet t-shirt contest, right? And the hard bodies sexy legs one," says Ace, "well, to keep everyone happy and satisfied and everything, we are not just getting rid of those fun events. No, we are simply replacing them with brand-new contests." The new contests, which include a Friday afternoon bubble-gum bubble blowing contest and a hula-hoop competition during Sunday brunch, are to be judged by audience cheering and apprecia-

tion—just like the old contests, only open to all ages.

In addition to all the friendly competition, Newton and Ace say that they will continue to have the best drink specials in town.

"16-oz root beer floats for a buck fifty can't be beat. I dare anyone in Halifax to try to match that price," boosts Ace. "We will also have 18 flavors of milkshakes, and Wednesday afternoon smoothie specials for all kids under 12."

Newton says that the Brand New Palace will also have a simple but delicious kid's menu: "hot dogs," he says, "and truck-loads of wieners. Oh, and literally tonnes of french fries." But for all those moms who are anxiously trying to lose that post-pregnancy weight, Ace and Newton promise to have healthful options too.

"We will have salads and green peas for the health-conscious. Damn, we pretty much cater to everyone's desires!" Newton laughs, "Except fatties. As always, fatties are not allowed."

The New Palace will be temporarily closed from April 15 to 18 for renovations. Reopening as The Brand New Palace on the 19.



Scandals and Rants Inaugural Halifax International Writers Festival

Alisee-ah Gauloise
Scandalous Investigator

This year marks the first instance of what will hopefully become a yearly event in Halifax: the International Writers Festival. As is usual for East Coast events, Halifax was inundated with performers itching to make the drive through the barren cesspit that is New Brunswick to read their works. Only the best were selected—and the best of the best are reviewed below:

Lilian Jackson Braun at the Lord Nelson

The author of the mystery classics *The Cat Who Went Into the Closet*, and its sequel, *The Cat*

Who Wasn't There, arrived in Halifax on Thursday, along with her two cats, to read from her earlier, lesser-known work, *The Cat Who Sniffed Glue*.

She should have kept this cat in the bag.

For two hours, the 89-year-old hussy regaled a horrified audience with bestial tales of sexuality framed around the fast-paced underworld of a young, cat-loving, petty-crime investigator—and all of this done under the guise of sly double-entendre; do you imagine, Lilian Jackson Braun, that we don't know the sado-masochistic connotations of a "cat-o-nine tails?" Do you

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Wanderlust: LSC

Ash Le Gaulle
French Cigarette

On Friday, April 9, 2005, I, Ash Le Gaulle, renowned for my missionary work in the underwater provinces of Baffin Bay and on the small Antarctic island of Adelaide, entered the Life Sciences Building of Dalhousie University in Halifax, N.S., for what was then slated as the fifth segment in an ongoing film series entitled *The Beast Inside: Adventures in the Scholastic Waste Land*. The series has since been cancelled, and I am hereby retiring to an undisclosed location, three minutes west of the East Weddell Sea.

Here are my last transcripts:

April 9
08:12 hours

An initial survey of this "Life Sciences Building" yields little information about its inhabitants or creators, aside from a "slight lack of imagination," if you will. The edifice is rather monolithic except for its roof, which appears to be capped by some sort of giant nuclear pore and is bursting with plant life. I have just shimmed open a window on the ground floor and wriggled into an unexpected snare: a set of UV-reducing eco-curtains wrapped tightly about my famous gizzard.

I have stoically rebuffed a spider-like seduction of death-by-curtain-web, and liberated myself from this clever booby trap.

Note: I will have to be wary of this place's denizens.

11:05 hours

My conquest has begun in the basement. I have famously coined the "skittish nudibranch" technique in exploration, and was in the process of employing it when I heard a door open nearly fifty paces north. I have now burrowed into an abandoned computer box. My trepidation is warranted, my God. Two female members of the species just revealed that they will be "looking



The equivalent to a child's nightmare of nuclear proportions.
Photo(+ shopping): Rufus Andro

at some new brains after lunch." They don't seem to be lunging for each other's brains... they must want my brain. I caught a glimpse of what lies beyond the door; there is a "member" inside. He is flaming looped, silver instruments.

Note: This is Charlie's territory.

14:26 hours

I awake in a multiplied pool of boxes to the strong-arm of a maintenance-type... I must have been knocked unconscious in the garbage onslaught... he is not unfriendly... he releases me in an illuminated hallway... the brutes of this species pose no psychological threat...

14:36 hours

I have been swept up in a wave of "members." They are just

now guiding me through an intricate tunnel system, artificially lit, and hopelessly un-navigable, except by them. I can only attribute this uncanny directional ability to those instruments, and the brains, and perhaps their manipulation of the brains with those instruments.

15:27 hours

I am in some sort of theatre... they are counting down the minutes... others are writing, I write too, filling out incomprehensible patterns in bubble form... three minutes left...

117:29 hours, next Tuesday

I am in a maintenance-type's closet... How many people have I already killed? I am a French cigarette... (regrettably, the manuscript has been visibly chewed here)... horror... the horror...

Spin Spin Sugar



Nelson
Because They Can
EMI

Taking after this past year's hottest band, Maroon 5, with their album of songs inspired by Jane, the Simple Life stars, Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie, are keeping things simple under the name Nelson which was inspired by a man who has "had a major influence on the direction of the album", Nelson Mandela. Paris was planning on recording a solo album but has put it on hold due to the fact that she was disappointed that she does not sound the same on record as she does in her head. While her solo album was a pop album requiring her to sing, Paris definitely rips it up freestyle with Nicole on "Be-

cause They Can" and it not only showcases the huge potential of Nelson as a future hip-hop dynasty, but it also acts as publicity for season three of the Simple Life where Paris and Nicole travel to South Africa to do good acts for humanity under the wing of the real Nelson. With songs like "Blackberry" featuring Fred Durst screaming, "My limp bizzkit wants your blackberry" in the background, this album is sure to be good for humanity. - Liddy Dobdob

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Scandal and Rants...

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suppose that we won't see past an innocent allusion when you talk about getting out of your "cat suit" and into something more comfortable for the night's "cat lick?" Do you think, for a minute, Lilian Jackson Braun, that we're not on to you and your filthy little pets, Koko and Yum Yum, wriggling against your legs as you breathe them your seductress's cat-call?

At the show, I felt like a cat among pigeons; a voyeur, privy to the sexual rituals of a very open couple. As to whether or not charges will be laid, I guess we'll have to see which way the cat jumps.

Rod McKuen at Ondaatje Hall

Rod McKuen, the unofficial king of "deep thoughts" poetry, also appeared to promote his latest effort, *I'll Be Your Father if You be My Christmas*, the latest in a roster of 36 novels and 200-plus albums of music (every one of them a gem).

Like Braun, McKuen is ancient, and the signs of his deterioration are starting to show. Rod arrived with some revolutionary ideas, not the least of which included the resurrection of a massive fireplace in lieu of the white boards in Ondaatje Hall, and the replacement of the word "love" with "Christmas" in the English vocabulary.

Maybe he's an idealist. Maybe he's right when he says, "[m]y leg is sturdy and as good a scratching place as yonder tree." But perhaps he said it best in his parting remarks: "You see, it wouldn't be so hard to Christmas one another every day... and make Christmas to me."

Nobodies elsewhere

At the lesser venues, T. S. Eliot (resurrected) will read the collected works of V.C. Andrews at Prospect Road Elementary School in Brookside, and Jim

Carroll has been asked to "chase" him, in reciting his poem, "Les Papillons d'Amour," or "The Butterflies of Love," at the Sunday School meeting to follow.

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Travestee turned Travesty

Linden Deerling
Trooper Fan

Dalhousie President Tom Traves is at it again: high fees, set by him, have resulted in another protest—but not over tuition increases. Instead, this week's controversy is over entrance fees to Traves's new international rock star competition.

The release date of Tomahawk, the long awaited debut album from Tom Traves' band Travestee, was pushed back to an undetermined time last year because of the falling-out of many of its band members. The unexpected break-up was brought on by Traves's decision to decrease each of the members' pay—and an album still has not been released.

In an effort to scout out young, fresh talent, Traves is holding a *Canadian Idol*-style contest for potential band members—making them come to him because, says Traves, being proactive never worked for really creative bands in the past.

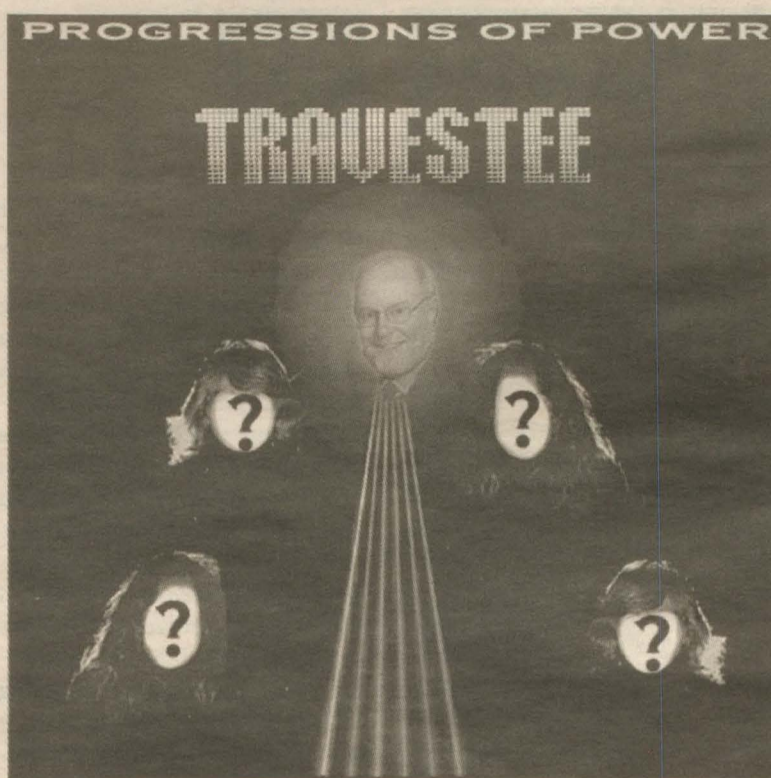
Like many contests, especially those held on the East Coast (see East Coast Music Awards), there is a required participation fee. The contest is open to anyone in the world, but fees differ depending on the individual's background.

In response, delegates have begun protesting the possible increase—in silence.

Once the contest begins—tentatively called *Travesian Idol*—delegates from outside Canada may be expected to pay 16.8 per cent more than the average delegate, and delegates that have the greatest opportunity to go on and do other things because they have immense, marketable talent may be expected to pay 9.28 per cent more than the average delegate.

The protestors are refusing to sing until both their fees are reduced and made more equal across the country.

When Traves and advisors Sass Jordan, Corey Hart, Shania Twain and one of Avril Lavigne's ghost songwriters all met last week, 200 contest delegates stood outside their meeting room in si-



Tom Traves' international rock star competition - how scary?

lent protest, clad in the T-shirts of their favourite bands.

"The reason why we wore T-shirts with our favourite bands on them, like Nickelback and Sam Roberts, is because we want to indicate that the most successful bands are successful because they're basically egalitarian societies," said a recent anthropology graduate, who hopes to combine his degree and singing skills in the future.

Outraged by the incident, Traves defended the fees in a spur-of-the-moment written statement, announced via megaphone to the protestors by one of his secretaries:

"The reason why we are charging international delegates more is because of what being from another country adds to the music," she read. "It adds flava. Think of Ricky Martin, or William Hung, or Jennifer Lopez, or someone with a British accent. With flava, the final band would surely be marketable and therefore would make a lot more money than if the band was just five people from Nova Scotia in some Celtic-sounding rig. Therefore, the overcharged delegates will get their money back. They have to think of it as an investment."

In an exclusive one-minute-and-thirty-seconds interview

with the *Gazette*, Traves revealed other reasons for the high fees, saying the reason why delegates who have the greatest opportunity to go and do other things are charged so much is because "their talents will elevate the band, and we don't want them to get too hot-headed, because they will leave. If we give them a lot of debt, it will be more difficult for them to do so."

Traves did not have a lot to say about individuals who do not get a spot in the band. He did indicate, however, that they would be reimbursed with a "fancy" participation certificate and some Travestee memorabilia.

"All delegates are essentially making an investment in a longstanding musical dynasty," Traves said.

"Honestly. Market demand aside, they're basically getting this contest for free."

When this article went to print, the silent protest had not yet put a damper on the progress that Traves and his committee have made in finalizing fee payments from various delegates.

Traves commented that the fees have to be elevated and that the protest will have no effect on him or the competition.

Auditions will be held on April 31 in Traves lush home.

Sartorial Eloquence

Get set for Spring

Nadia Rochelle
Unfashionista

Spring is in the air, and so are this season's latest fashion trends. *Gazette's* fashion guru Nadia Rochelle puts together the hottest looks for the season.

As the weather gets warmer, we usually see more skin and sexier curves with lighter, more form-fitting clothing—not so for this spring. The hottest silhouette for this season is the ever-flattering box. Think 1930s drab when you pull together your spring pieces. Pump up the colour from dreary earth tones to flirty fluorescents for this season's potato-sack chic.



An essential piece to start off your boxy wardrobe is our favorite leftover from the 80s: the oversized blazer. We've done shrunken, fitted, cropped, tailored, but we haven't gone back to the roots.

This spring, the blazer does not highlight the waist, it does not flatter the chest and it does not narrow the shoulders. Think big, think boxy; think shoulder pads—think Miami Vice.

For the past couple of years, we've watched the waistline drop right down below the ass crack. This season, in stark contrast to the thong-revealing low rise we've come to adore, it's all about how high can you get that fly. Spring's waistline sits right around the ribs and is highlighted with figure-flattering pleats. Dare to be librarian hot.

The latest trend for the lower leg is to squeeze into your favorite skinny jeans and tuck them into a peter-pan boot. For spring, switch up your sleek suede boots for a pair of eye-catching leg warmers. Tuck your jeans right into an over-sized pair of wooly wonders—even grab a matching sweatband to complete the look.

When purchasing your leg warmers, think loud and think paisley

Undergarments have taken a radical turn this season. Cone-shaped bras of the 50s have come back full force, so throw away



your seamless push-ups. Your goal is torpedo tits à la mid-90s Madonna: the pointier, the better.

If anything, this year has told us that yoga wear is no longer just for the gym. This spring, leisure-wear is stepping up a notch from clean lines to day-glow glam. Florescent tracksuits will line the racks in every colour, from lime green to sunshine yellow. Keep in mind this season's potato-sack silhouette and purchase a few sizes larger than usual. The pant comes to a thigh-flattering taper at the ankle to add a touch of tailoring to the boxy bodice.

Makeup this season is all about colour. A subtle sweep of colour across the eyelid with a nude gloss or a punchy lip with a subtle eye will just not do. Dig through your makeup bag and pull out the brightest early-90s blue you can find and pile it on from lash line to brow. Next, apply lipstick generously in a frosted pink or fiery fuchsia. Finally, pierce your lips and chisel out your cheekbones with a deep pink blush. If you can't see your makeup from 20 feet away, you're not done.

Since last summer, inspi-

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SuperSex in the SuperCity

Love & Courtship on Today's Campus (c. 1899)

Dave Martock
Courtship Expert

Sex columns have been around for a long time, and in this week's offering, we're going to take a trip in the time machine to see what questions students asked at the turn of the 20th century. Who ever said that Victorians were prim and proper all the time?

Q: *I've been courting a young starlet for the past few seasons. As our love has grown, so has our mutual interest in one another. However, when I initiate romance, her corsetry always impedes us. How do you suggest we remedy this situation?*

A: Your question is very racy. Are you ready to enter a sexual relationship after seeing each other for several seasons? Sex should never just happen in the first year of dating, in fact, I implore you to consider marriage before having sexual intercourse. I can only imagine that you want to have sexual intercourse in order to reproduce, and we know that a baby cannot be brought into the world with unwed parents.

Your sweetheart's corset is there for a reason. Not only does it give her bosom a lift, and her figure a tight hourglass look, it is also designed to keep wanton perverts like you away from her subtle and delicate sex. Your prerogative is understandable—thoughts of your lover in nothing but her corset would be



Ice cream on a cone says, "I want you baby"

highly arousing, but are indeed inappropriate. Might I suggest that the next time you both get struck by unbridled and wan-

We all know the label that is applied to girls who dare to venture too far, and who are loose about their sexual morals. Heaven forbid you should end up with a scarlet letter hewn to your blouse.

ton lust that you instead engage in something more decent and upstanding, such as Bible study, knitting, flying a kite or going for

a walk in the park. Stay pure until your wedding night, and then only copulate for reproductive purposes. Regular sexual intercourse, especially before marriage, will only lead to a life of sin.

Q: *As one of the few women on campus, I cannot seem to keep at bay the sexual advances of male students. I don't know what to do. The men are so brazen: just this week one male winked and smiled at me in class. A week hence, another male invited me for ice cream on a cone, and we all know how that connotes images of a sexual nature. How can I assert my morality without having to transfer to a women's college?*

A: One way that you may overcome this problem, and rid him of the temptation, is to hide all signs of visible flesh. I would suggest a button up blouse, shawl, floor length skirt, and black stockings. Solid black boots ought to keep any feet fetishists and other perverts at a distance.

Also, it is imperative that you maintain a plain Jane, demure attitude. Do not exert any sexuality, as this may trigger the male's sexual response. Try to blend in and do not draw attention to yourself. We all know the label that is applied to girls who dare to venture too far, and who are loose about their sexual morals. Heaven forbid you should end up with a scarlet letter hewn to your blouse.

Spring is in the box...



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ration for eyewear has ranged from Jackie O sunglasses to 90s TV-screen coveralls. This spring, instead of going large and rectangular, we're going small and circular. Grab yourself a pair of quarter-sized shades and steal a glance at your new intellectual self.

The staple in this spring's look stems from the spiritual influences that have been a strong presence in fashion this year. In-

stead of crosses and red string Kabbalah bracelets, you cannot be caught without a lucky rabbit foot key chain this season. White is classy and original, but feel free to funk up your thumper paw with a color, sequins and dangling charms. Remember, being fashion forward doesn't mean hurting our fluffy friends, so go faux.

KINGPIN

Roy: I woke up early and took the liberty of milking the cow.

Amish man: We don't have a cow, we have a bull.

Roy: I'm gonna brush my teeth.

Neighbor: "Can you get sick from drinking piss?"

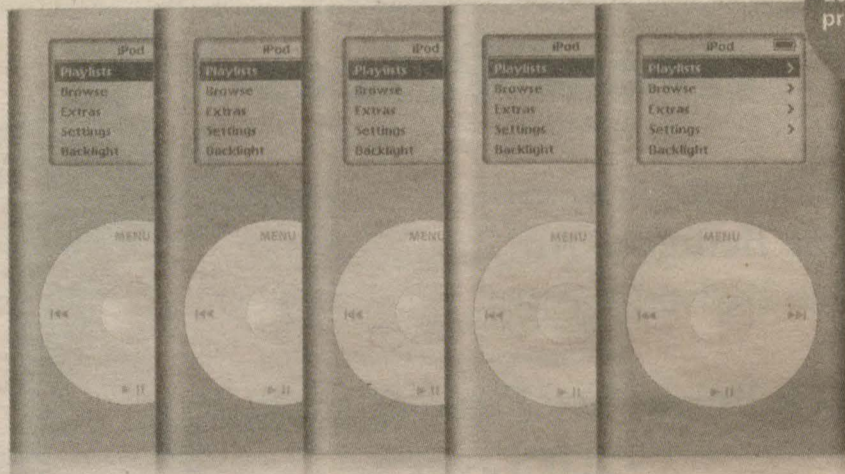
Roy: "Yes, you can."

Neighbor: "Even your own?"

Roy: Just because you're familiar with the missionary position doesn't make you a missionary.

Claudia: Look, Mr. Munster, you're not exactly the smartest guy I ever ran across.

Roy: Oh yeah? And who are you, Alfred Einstein?



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Spin Spin Sugar...

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Freddie Gage
My Friends Are Dead
Rainbow Records

This three-song gem was secretly left in the Gazette mailbox and I immediately picked it up, put it in my ghetto blaster, and walked home with my GB (acronyms are cool) on my shoulder so others could hear Gage's earnest, folk-driven songs. After walking for a few minutes I noticed crows circling around me in the sky above, cawing while they followed me all the way home. As soon as I turned off the music, they disappeared. I sat on my steps contemplating why this happened and then it hit me: a group of crows is called a murder and the reason why Freddie Gage's friends were all dead is because he killed them! And to think he dedicated this album to youth victims of drug abuse. Pity on you, Freddie. We all know your secret now and

no one expected it. Thank goodness for GB's. And, furthermore, I don't understand why he is on Rainbow Records, a happy little label. I am filing a report tomorrow morning.



Man-O-War
Anthology of Chia Pet Sounds
Independent

Chia Pet Sounds is just in time for the spring and documents an unlikely collaboration between rejected wrestlers and their frustration with the general populous' overlook of what they term as "the best and most silent pets around" - Chia Pets. This album aptly details the progression of a Chia Pet's life as it starts out with the epic "Bald Man (No Locks? You Need Water)", climaxes at the reggae pumped "Rude Boy" and ends with the unexpected salsa of "Metal Warriors". This album is a perfect addition to any fan of salsa, epic rock, and emo-rap and would also act as a perfect instruction guide to Chia Pet

ownership. - Liddy Dobbdob



Riot
Fire Down Under
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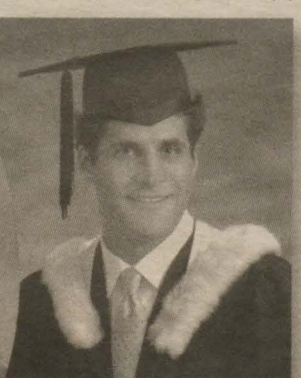
Music critics have waited for this day, the day that all musical genres converge into a coherent whole. That time has come. Riot burns down every preconception that anyone has ever had of any genre and commands in their liner notes: "Hey, don't be a hater, make love. Passionate love to all music fueled by fire." The image on the front of the album was digitally composed by award winning scientist/designer, Geoffrey Hughes. It is an image of every single mammal in one face and is an apt metaphor for the melding of all the genres. Riot brings hope for the future of music and the world because we all know that the world stops spinning when the music stops playing. And even if the fat lady sings, Riot will keep pounding out the hits, making sweet love to every genre, making listeners come back for more. - Liddy Dobb

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The Year of the Sextant

Peter White

No matter what the DeBeers people say, nothing lasts forever. All good things must come to an end, altered by the unforgiving winds of change. And as the school year comes to an end, the *Sextant* is beginning to feel the breeze. Things are about to get interesting.

Thanks to a series of oversights and bad decisions, I will become the editor of the *Sextant* starting in September 2005. While this may seem like a subtle change, I predict that before Christmas of next year, the number of faithful *Sextant* readers will have ballooned to millions. The glory days for the *Sextant* are about to be upon us.

I know this is a bold statement, and that few of you will believe me, but it is true. I realize

that I lack the experience, intelligence and literacy that most of our past editors have possessed, this year included; but what I lack in talent and brainpower, I more than make up for in false confidence. If Steven Segal has taught me anything, it's that you don't need talent to be successful. For further proof that intelligence is overrated, please see George W. Bush.

Next September it will begin. The *Sextant* will laugh in the face of logic and reason, and rise to international fame from its single page in the rear of the *Dalhousie Gazette*. It will become an unstoppable juggernaut on its way to passing the *Toronto Star* as the most widely read newspaper in Canada. As you read this the wheels are in motion. By the end of the summer, the best writing troupe that volunteerism can buy

will be assembled and focused on world domination. If there was ever a time to hop on the *Sextant* bandwagon, it would be now.

It doesn't stop there either. Anyone could make empty promises such as the ones above, but only someone like myself could go on to promise things well outside his or her jurisdiction. Like the fact that the *Sextant* is going end world hunger by the end of 2005. Or that the *Sextant* will end the conflict in the Middle East. Or that the *Sextant* is the real Batman. I promise all these things, and more! There is a good chance that the *Sextant* will win the Superbowl next year, after it settles the NHL labour dispute and cures cancer in the same day.

I realize that you're panicking. You see that this is going to be huge, and you want to know how to get in on it before it gets too

big. Well don't worry, it's not too late. However, there is a catch. In order to join the *Sextant* team, you have to be a student on *Sexton* campus. On top of that, you have to have some sort of talent to bring to the table. We can only tolerate one team member that has zero ability, and unfortunately I have already filled that slot. Exceptions will be made if the applicant wishes to pay me money. I know bribery is frowned upon in most organizations, but most organizations aren't as broke as I am.

So if you're either rich or talented, and want to be a part of what will undoubtedly be the

most successful student newspaper of all time, simply send an email to pawhite@dal.ca explaining in 67 words or less why you are interested in working for the *Sextant*. Before you apply, realize that the job pays nothing and regardless of what it says in this article, you are not guaranteed to become famous as a result. To everyone else reading this article, I hope you're ready. When September arrives, you will be blown away by the success of the *Sextant*, and you'll be sorry you ever made fun of the idiot who promised so much more than he could ever deliver.

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Tuition Scam

Women's soccer team to benefit from professional student tuition fee hikes

Casey Jones
Hoochie Momma

Beginning next season, each player on the successful Dalhousie women's soccer team will be insured with a \$9 million policy against injury.

"After the team's astounding success, we think that it's in Dalhousie's interest to protect them," said a Dal official who insisted—at knife-point—that they not be named, but looked suspiciously like university president Tom Traves.

This isn't an uncommon practice. Real Madrid star David Beckham has his legs insured for \$108 million.

But it's the source of the funds that are to pay for the Dal policy that is drawing criticism.

The *Gazette* has learned that the expected 9.8 per cent tuition increase for medicine, law, dentistry and pharmacy programs—estimated to be worth \$11.7 million—will be funneled into a special account to fund the insurance program for the ladies' soccer team.

"This is really great for our

soccer program," says coach Graham Chandler. "If we get an injury we can just buy a new player from a professional European league."

Chandler downplayed the fact that buying players is illegal in university-level sport in Canada.

"Sure it's illegal, but you can do anything when you're rolling in dough—besides, if we need more money, we can always just knock out the knees of a rookie," Chandler said, requesting that the *Gazette* not print his comments.

The policies, to be taken out with Blue Cross, will cost \$86,180

the remaining \$6 million will be

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—Graham Chandler, women's soccer coach

for each player per year, for a total of about \$3.5 million. An additional \$2.2 million will be put on reserve to fund future policies;

saved for "special contributions" to AUS and European officials.

The female athletes themselves told the *Gazette* they "were,



Legs like these have suddenly become much more valuable.

like, really excited," and "were, like, happy that the like Dal people, like, thought that they were like important, and stuff."

Surprisingly, professional degree students seem to be absolutely furious.

"This is right ridiculous," says Dal Medical Student Society president Blowey MacDougal. "Oooh look at me, b'y, I can kick a frikkin' soccer ball... insure me arse!"

McDonald originally planned to protest the policies, but cancelled plans for a silent "human

jetty" sit-in at the athletics department when he realized that, historically, protests have resulted in "nottin' but tryin' to catch a cadfish in a desert."

His alternative?

"I'm gonna buy a damn wig and join them der soccer team," he says. "I'll trash talk the udder team until they beat me up and break me legs, and then I'll collect all dat money and move down south, ya know? ...I mean, I'll split me money up amongst all the udder professional students... right."

Men's Swim Team Haemorrhoid Woes

Jennifer Yi
Tawdry Employee

The men's swim team battled more than the competition they faced in the pool this year. A recent report issued by the team's medical staff reveals that the entire group was hampered throughout the season by the acute symptoms caused by haemorrhoids.

As anticipated, the team successfully defended its conference title and reputation as Atlantic Canada's dominant swimming force, overwhelming the competition in nearly all the sprint, medley, distance and relay events at this year's AUS championships.

What was not anticipated was that the majority of the team's members would have to compete with another runner-up: haemorrhoidal discomfort.

"I've never seen anything like it," says Richard Azman, a proctologist who has worked with the Halifax Regional Health authority since 1971. "Haemorrhoids are not contagious, so for all the members of an athletic team to have this problem at once, well, it's simply unheard of."

"The most distressful thing is that we cannot put a finger on the cause," says Mark Spitzer, the current swim team head coach.

He adds that the frustration stemming from his team's ail-

ment reached a climax when they traveled to Edmonton, Alta. during reading week to compete in the CIS Championships.

"We're pleased with our performance at the AUS championships, and most of the guys were close to their PBs [personal best times], but the haemorrhoids probably prevented us from achieving our full potential at the nationals." The team left the Golden Bear campus frustrated, having failed to reach the podium.

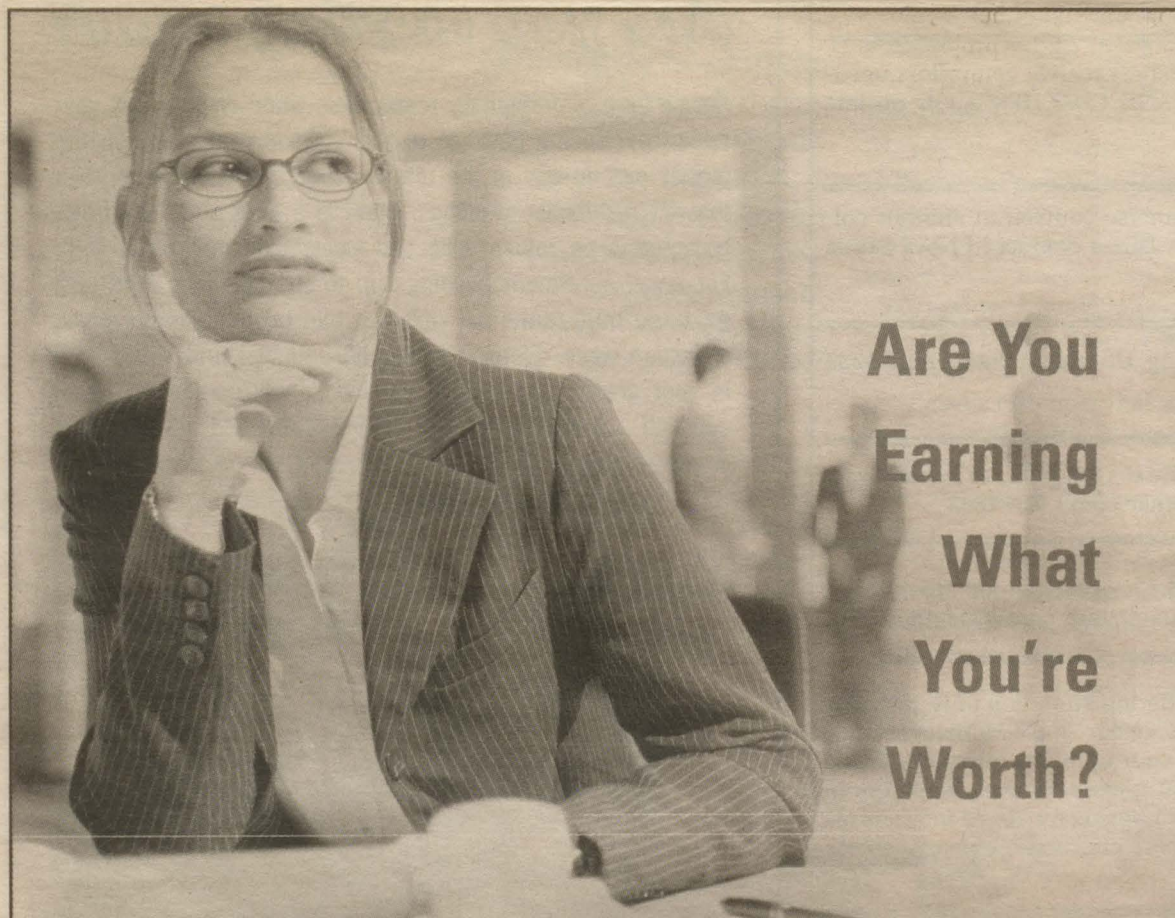
The cause of haemorrhoids, often referred to as piles, is controversial and the source of much debate in the medical world.

"We believe that piles can be caused by physiological problems, such as excessive strain during bowel and urinary movement, or chronic diarrhoea," says Azman. "However, lifestyle problems such as idleness or sitting for excessively long periods of time are also common habits amongst haemorrhoid sufferers."

Alex Starboard, the team's 200-metre and 400m medley specialist who, after the 2005 CIS championship, sought a surgical solution to the problem, told the *Gazette* of the frustration with other possible remedies.

"Our inability to find a solution to the problem had bummed

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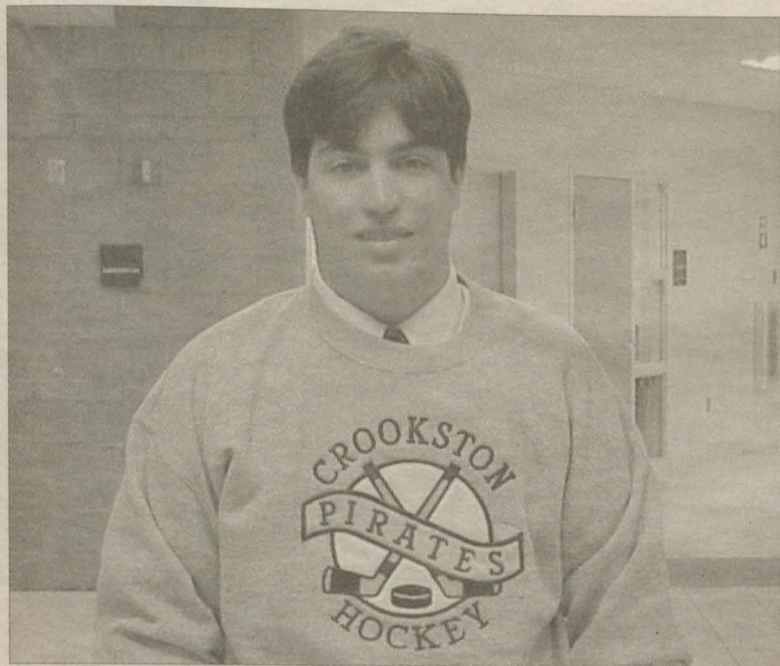
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Sidney Crosby missed the photo shoot, this guy showed up instead.

Sidney Crosby To Join Dal

Seth Alderwood
Staff Contributor

With the end of the NHL lockout nowhere in sight, many fans, players and coaches are wondering about the fate of Rimouski Oceanic superstar Sidney Crosby. They need wonder no more—Crosby has decided to come to Dalhousie after his graduation this June.

The Dal Tigers play in the fast-paced, hard-hitting Atlantic University Hockey Conference (AUHC). Most players in the league are in their early 20s and have previously played major junior hockey. With Crosby, the Tigers will now have a bona fide sniper in their line-up.

"I'm really excited about coming to Dalhousie," says Crosby. "I think the mix of school and hockey will be good. Dal is one of the best universities in Canada. The campus is beautiful and the buildings are certainly well-constructed."

Crosby says he's uncertain about what he'll study, because he's interested in so many things. "On one hand, I like physics. On the other, I like romantic poetry," he says. "And then there's statistics, costume studies and ball-room dancing."

Crosby says he was thinking about living in Henderson House, but decided that Fenwick would be his best option for residence

because he wants a quieter atmosphere for study. "Fenwick is going to be great," he says. "It's a nice building and I look forward to meeting the other students who live there." Recently, Crosby's agent Casey LaRoche commented on the youngster's move: "I was a bit surprised at first," says LaRoche. "Now, I think it's a great move. Education is very important in life and Dal is a very well run university with affordable tuition. All the students love it there. There's no dishonesty, money-pits or corruption at any level."

If you think that Crosby will be the only Rimouski Oceanic player to come to Dal this September, think again. The team has also recruited Crosby's teammates, Eric Neilson and Mario Scalzo. "This is great for the Rimouski Oceanic and for Dalhousie," says Rimouski head coach Doris LaBonte. "It's great for us because it shows our fans and our community that the Oceanic are helping these young guys become more than just hockey players."

"It's great for Dalhousie because it will help the Grawood. Scalzo and Neilson will be regulars there. They have agreed to try to get people to come to the Grawood, so now, maybe your campus bar won't be \$100,000 in the hole."

The Tigers play the St. EX. X-men at this season's opener, held Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m., at Dal Arena.

Not sitting well with the swim team...

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us out since September," admits Starboard, who avoided sitting once throughout the nine-and-a-half-hour interview. "Certainly, when we realized that we all had this problem, we really wanted to find a solution, but we didn't want to give up training time in exchange," he says. "So we cooperated fully with Dr. Azman and gave him the information he needed. Despite finding some treatments that permitted us temporary relief, a proper remedy just doesn't seem to be available."

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The general consensus among Dalhousie's varsity community is that this problem is not affecting athletes on other teams. But officials with the women's swim team refused to reveal any medical information regarding the team's athletes—and flatly denied press requests for an interview.

For the men however, the search continues: Azman is convinced that a non-surgical remedy can be found. "I will not quit," he says, "until a get to the bottom of this."

Football Returns to Dalhousie

Announcement will bring gridiron back after 30-year absence

Daniel J. Schmidt
Staff Contributor

"At long last, the game of football is back"—and with that surprising presidential declaration, it was officially confirmed: Dalhousie University president Tom Traves addressed members of the local and national media at his Oxford St. estate, reinstating the football program, which was abandoned after the 1976 season. Athletic director Scott Alexander joined the president in donning the newly unveiled jerseys for a photo opportunity, immediately followed by a passing of the collection plate.

Traves and Alexander were bombarded with questions regarding the source of funding for the squad and responded with their strategy. Tuition will be raised by 10 per cent, they replied—an answer that came as no surprise to media members in the attendance. An annual \$50 "Athletic Renaissance Fee," charged to all students, was also announced and will take effect next fall. The track and field, volleyball and soccer programs will be removed from the university budget, angering several athletes, hydration technicians and apparel supervisors.

The team is set to begin playing in September of 2006, 30 years after the program ended. The extra year of preparation will give the athletics department an opportunity to generate publicity and alienate alumni. Tryouts will



These strapping young bucks will be a familiar sight on campus soon.

commence several weeks before the season opener on weeknights at Wickwire Field.

In an effort to conserve funds, however, the field's lights will not be used.

The program will begin recruitment efforts immediately, sending 14 newly hired scouts to scour schoolyards and buffet lines across the globe. As for the coaching staff, Alexander announced that a search was underway and that a familiar face was the leading candidate. "We have had very serious conversations with Ryan Leaf about the coaching position," said the head of the athletics wing. "He has been looking for an employment opportunity for some time now."

Traves and Alexander agreed that the new squad would en-

dure a development period of several years before it becomes consistently competitive. "It will take time, but this will be an exciting team in the years to come," said Traves.

"Just seeing the black-and-gold back on the football field should be enough of a thrill for the alumni and pigskin-starved student body," added Alexander.

Will an intramural-level team draw the attendance necessary to survive? Only time will tell. One thing is for certain: the game of football has returned to Dalhousie. It may not sit well with parents and their credit card limits, but the announcement comes as great news for the community as a whole. Minus all the teams Dal will have to cut, and their supporters, of course.

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