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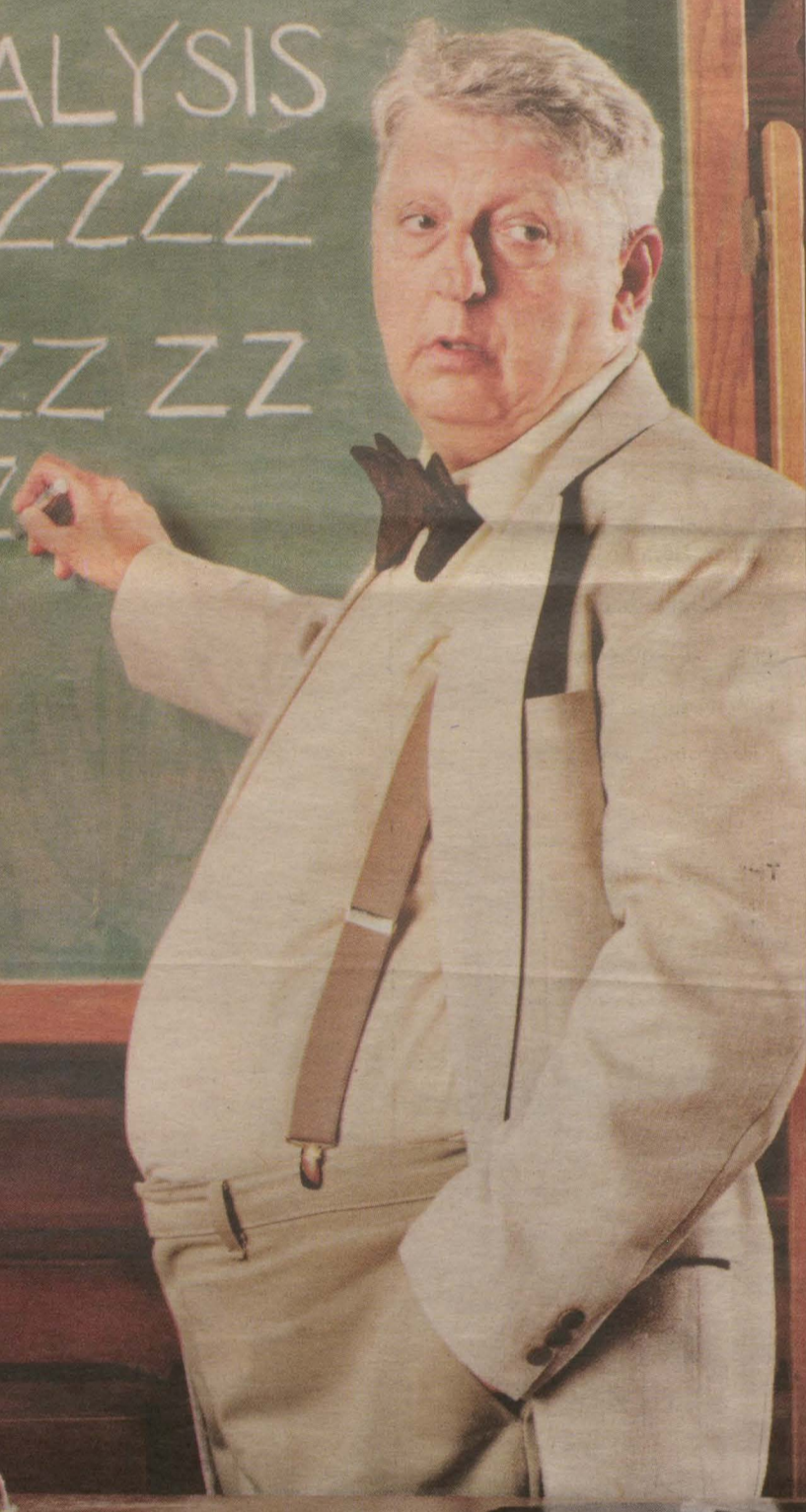
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Get 'er done

JOHN PACKMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's finally time to throw off your hairnet, name tag, camp t-shirt, white-shirt-and-tie combo or whatever uniform your summer job required.

For three months this summer I was decked out in protective gloves, yellow Kevlar arm bands, safety glasses, earplugs, steel-toed boots and a ratty pair of jeans.

I worked at a can factory.

It was nearly as dull as it sounds. I stood at the back of a giant oven that dried big Bristol-board sized sheets of metal that were coated in a sheet of paint. My job was to make sure there were no defects and that the sheets came off the line properly.

The heat wasn't so bad on the midnight shifts, but when I worked days or afternoons, it soared as high as 43.3 degrees Celsius, according to a little thermometer near my line.

While I was standing at the back of those ovens I still knew I had it better than students working at McDonald's (and better than one girl I met who worked at a chicken slaughterhouse).



Ah, summer jobs.

The pay was very decent, since I was working in a factory and was a member of the United Steelworkers of America, but I was still ecstatic when I left.

I'm now back at Dalhousie. Back at a campus that looks like it does in the ads. A campus where the students' main academic dream, for now, is for their profs to hand out a syllabus in the first class and then set them free to enjoy the last bit of sun.

The frosh are wearing their new Dal sweatpants, the patios are still open

and I've only seen one pair of Uggs.

Halifax is beautiful now, as the school year is just starting. The only thing most people want to do is sit on their decks, hang out with friends and enjoy the last fleeting days of summer. And if you just worked your ass off to pay for your tuition, you deserve it.

But before you know it, you'll be looking out on your snow-covered deck, reading issue 14 of *The Gazette* to avoid studying for your exams.

I implore anyone who made

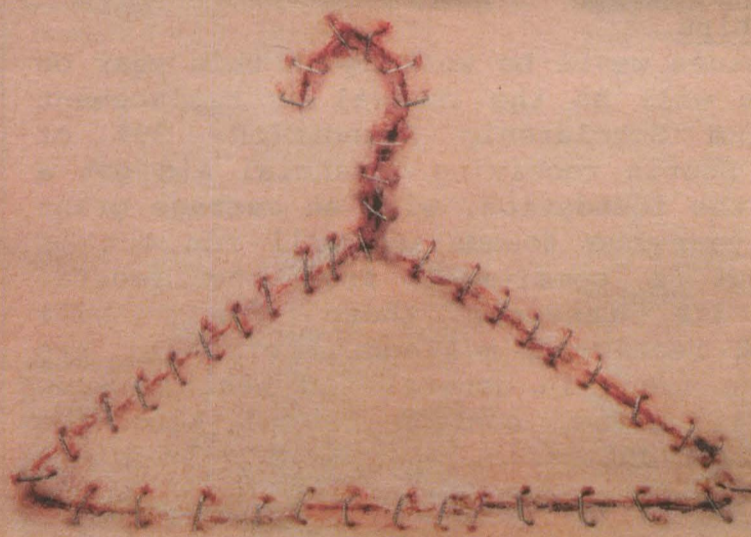
a mental list of goals for this year, while doing their tedious summer jobs, to get on them now. Right now.

If you wanted to start a band, get your friends together or put up some classified ads. If you wanted to join a club or society, find out about it and go to a meeting. If you wanted to start going to the gym regularly, get in the habit of walking to the Dalplex now.

If you put off doing things for a day or two, you'll start forgetting your list or it will quickly be replaced by a to-do-list of going to class, buying groceries and studying for tests. And it might take until next summer to remember what you wanted to do in September.

Remember adages like *carpe diem* and 'live everyday like it's your last,' because university only lasts four to eight years. This is the best time to try completely new things and push yourself to do more than just go to class.

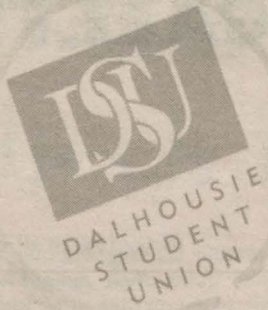
Even if this means you might get slightly lower marks or miss an episode of *The Office* now and again, your degree will be worth a lot more to you if it's something you lived, rather than just studied for.



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WEEKLY DISPATCH

Orientation Week/Dalfest

I hope everyone on campus has had the chance to participate in at least one of two recent DSU events. One an old tradition: Orientation Week for first-year students and one a (hopefully) new tradition: Dalfest, a wet event with live music and events on the Dalhousie quad open to all students. If you loved or hated either of these events, drop me a line at dsupres@dal.ca and let me know why.

Free Stuff

Free student agendas will be available at the SUB info desk starting September 5th, as will free DSU/Dal white boards and the new Student Rights and Responsibilities Guide for Dalhousie students.

DSU Sustainability Office

You voted for it. You got it.

This September marks the launch of the new student office for sustainability. SustainDal, as it will now be called, is the brainchild of members of the Dalhousie Integrated Sustainability Initiative, one of the DSU's most active societies. They capped off last year with a referendum campaign asking Dal students to contribute \$2 a year to funding the office, and the students said yes.

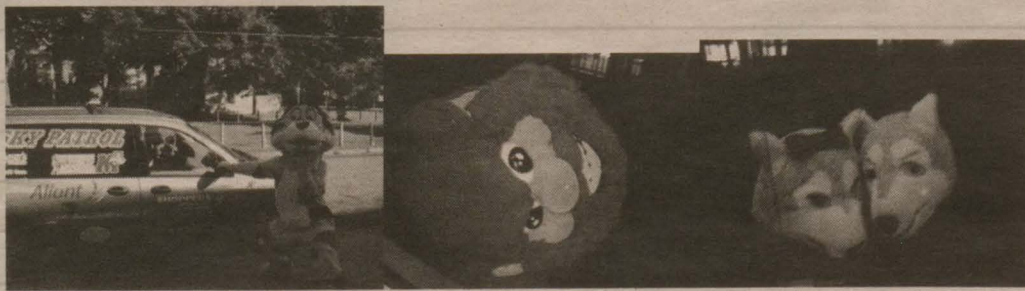
Torill Gillespie has been hired as the DSU's first sustainability coordinator and will work at arms-length with the union and the university to make Dalhousie more sustainable.

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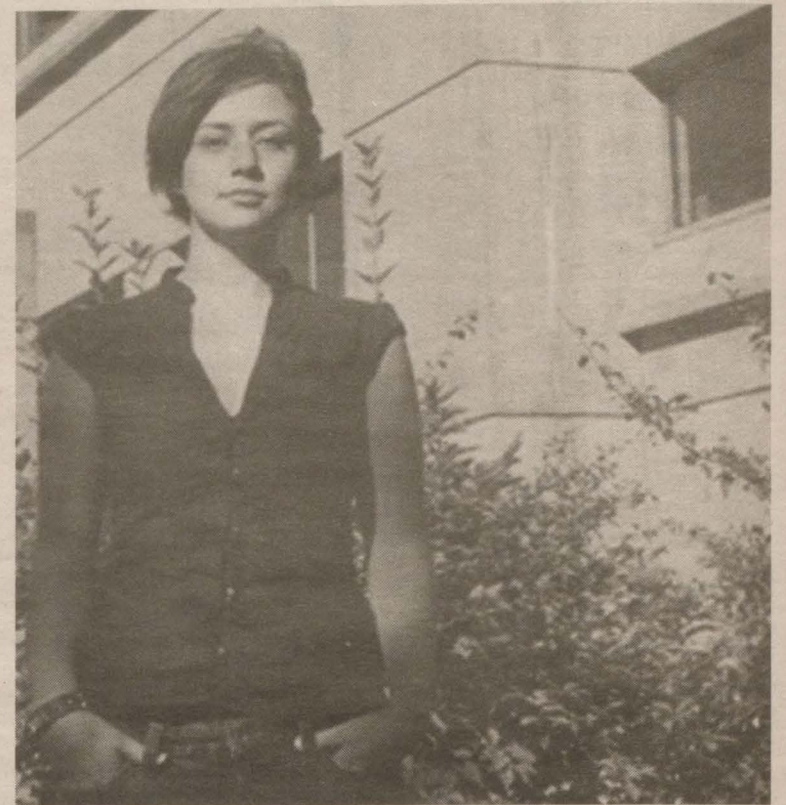
One of the big issues we'll be working on this year on the external side will be the renewal or replacement of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. 30% of students in Nova Scotia receiving financial aid get a scholarship from the foundation, with an average grant of \$3,600. Next year the foundation will run out of money and without a commitment from the federal government for its renewal, those grants will disappear. If you receive a millennium grant or are concerned with the issue in general and want to know how you can get involved, contact DSU VP Education Tara Gault at dsuvped@dal.ca.

SMU and CBU

To finish on a lighter note: both Saint Mary's University and Cape Breton University tried to play pranks on Dal this summer. Both attempts ended badly for them. Below you can see photos of the stolen SMU Husky Patrol van, and the stolen heads of both schools mascots in the SUB display case.



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Stephanie Collins says a popular Facebook group is ruining Dal's reputation for future students.

Students take Dal's reputation into their own hands

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Dalhousie's research practices are getting international attention, but students aren't proud of the publicity they're receiving.

A controversial Facebook group that alleges Dal kills puppies for animal research sparked a media frenzy late last month, engaging local publications, national newswires and international press in a tumultuous story about the hugely popular social networking cyber site and the line between free speech and libel.

The school's public relations department has been vehemently denying the allegations, battling Facebook and the group called "Stop dogs and puppies from being murdered at Dalhousie," since its elusive creator, Amy Scott, posted the web page nearly two months ago.

The group now boasts more than 25,000 members and recently removed "Dalhousie" from its name, citing pressure from the university as the reason for the change. It claims Dal's animal research laboratory is involved in unethical treatment of animals, specifically dogs.

Dal officials maintain the university has not experimented on dogs in more than a decade and currently does most of its testing on rats, insects and fish, with the exception of special research projects that require a lengthy approval process.

University President Tom Traves firmly denies the allegations. He says the administration knows Scott is an animal rights activist, but he's unsure why she would specifically target the school.

"It's based on completely false and erroneous information," Traves said during a phone interview. "This is a pathetic way of getting revenge."

Tensions rose when Scott removed the discussion board from her group's page, prompting Dal officials to request that Facebook shut the group down because it was restricting the possibility of informed debate on the subject.

"That was the final straw," says Dal spokesman Charles Crosby, who says the university's repeated attempts to contact Scott (like those of several local media outlets) have been unsuccessful to date, though a recent posting from Scott on the group's page says she's been in contact with Crosby.

Although Scott initially expressed interest in speaking with The Gazette news staff through messages on her group's discussion board, she didn't respond to any subsequent contact attempts.

After being removed for a few days, the group re-appeared with the wall and discussion board intact.

Some students then fired back at what they felt was a personal attack.

"The group that we've heard from the most vocally are Dal students. I think they're feeling a bit attacked by this," Crosby says. "There are people involved, not just an institution."

Stephanie Collins and Mike Wong say they aren't looking for a fight, but they're prepared to stand behind their beliefs. They just wish their opposition would do the same.

The two Dal students created "Stop people from spreading lies about animal cruelty at Dalhousie," a counter group aimed at confronting the allegations levelled at Dal and encouraging discussion of the issues surrounding animal research.

The group is just shy of 800 members.

"We're not Dalhousie spin doctors hired to put a new spin on the issue, we're real students, real people and we are willing to go out to the traditional media and show people that this is the case," says Wong, a third-year neuroscience major. "And we challenge (Scott) to do the exact same thing, if she has any merit at all to her allegations."

Wong works in the animal research labs with rodents to study the effects of mental illness. He says he's upset the group is generating widespread rumours without defending its claims.

"It's just a big internet flame war. It's been blown out of proportion," he says. "It seems really cowardly to hide behind your computer on Facebook."

Collins agrees. The experimental psychology grad student says the entire university's reputation is at stake.

"You're smearing Dal's name, and it is purely a smear campaign," she says. "We're not concerned about what other universities think of us, but what we are concerned about is the general public who know nothing about animal research. And high school students particularly. Those are the next generation of Dal students."

With files from Katie May

Students call for help with federal loans

KATIE MAY
NEWS EDITOR

As she waits at the end of a long line stretching down the hallway from the Dalhousie University's Student Accounts office, Lyne Wilson glances at the official government documents in her hands and worries aloud she won't have enough money to pay for school this year.

And it's not just tuition she's worried about. The second-year anthropology student just moved into one of the university's non-traditional residences and is on the hook for higher residence fees as well as her own groceries, expenses she says government loan agencies don't fully take into consideration.

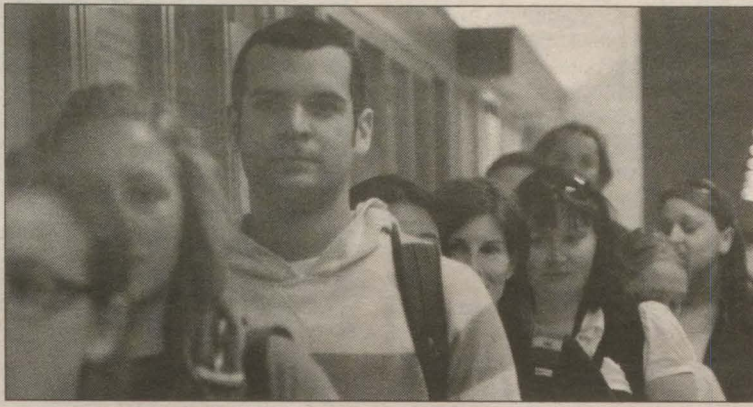
Wilson is just one of more than 5,000 students — a third of Dal's total population — who relies on a Canada student loan to cover rising education costs. The program distributes federal and provincial loans to applicants on the basis of financial need, but getting the money isn't always easy.

While she lives with her mother and is listed as a dependent on her N.B. loan application, Wilson is solely responsible for her finances. When she filed her loan application last year, she didn't receive enough money to cover her costs.

She went to Dal's financial aid office for help, but the best staff could do was suggest she write a personal letter to the loan agency.

"Last year I had to write back to (the government) saying I didn't have enough," she says, adding that she eventually had to take out a bank loan and borrow money from a family member because her written plea was unsuccessful.

She doesn't agree with some of the program's methods for calculating funding, but she has to take what she can get with no real way to fight



PHOTO/JOSH BOYTER

The Canada Student Loans Program may appoint an ombudsperson to deal with student disputes and streamline the process.

the system.

"I have no other choice."

The Canada Student Loans Program is currently reviewing its policies in an effort to streamline the loan process, program spokesperson Laurier Roy wrote in an e-mail to *The Gazette*. The changes, which the federal government is expected to announce in next year's budget, may include the appointment of an independent ombudsperson who would deal with student loan disputes.

The organization released a client survey last March that shows 75 per cent of roughly 1,000 direct borrowers are satisfied with the program, but Dal's assistant registrar for financial aid says the program causes countless headaches for students and staff.

Pamela Swinimer says a neutral arbitrator could potentially solve a lot of loan policy problems that the university doesn't have the authority to negotiate. "Often the financial aid office doesn't have the time frame to go step-by-step through the process," she says.

If there's a small clerical error or a simple miscommunication between the student and the loan pro-

gram, the school can usually solve it with a phone call, says Swinimer, who has been working in the financial aid office for nine years. It's the policy-driven issues, such as funding for married students and access to parental income, that prevent students from getting the money they need for school.

"Our hands are tied," Swinimer says, pointing out that staff often disagree with the program's instructions. "The school has to follow the policies of the (Canada Student Loans Program)."

If the university decides to go against the policy, it forfeits its ability to accept student loan funding.

Third-year student Mike Westhaver has been dealing with N.S. government loans for four years. He says an independent ombudsman would be a big help to students. As it stands, the process is long and confusing. He says once more than 10 weeks passed after he filed his application before he received a response.

"Personally, I find it frustrating because every year it never goes smoothly," the nursing major says. "There's always a problem."

Uni-Briefs

CANADIAN CAMPUS SHORTS

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Carleton triples security after violent sexual assault

Carleton University heightened campus security this week in response to the school's first reported sexual assault in two years.

A 23-year-old woman was working in the chemistry lab just after midnight on Sept. 1 when a man entered and beat her unconscious, breaking her jaw and dislocating her shoulder.

He then tied her hands behind her back and raped her, Ottawa police report.

Before he fled the scene, the assailant took the woman's jeans, cell phone and one running shoe. The woman was in stable condition as of Sept. 4.

School officials tripled the campus patrol service, held special safety talks in residences and put up 200 campus posters describing the suspect.

Police received 20 public tips regarding the crime, but they still haven't identified the man.

No vacancy for U of A students

The University of Alberta's student union plans to lobby for sufficient student housing later this month, during a week-long event dedicated to affordable accommodations.

Many students don't have a place to live because the area surrounding the school has only a 0.2 per cent vacancy rate and the highest average rent prices in Edmonton.

Campus residences aren't an option for some students, due to an administration-imposed 10 per cent fee increase, said the union's vice president (external).

"Students are on a fixed income and do not have the same flexibility as many other populations in the general market," Steven Dollansky told *The Gateway* student newspaper.

"Residence beds are supposed to be an affordable and available option for students, and right now many would question whether they are either."

University officials have not committed to any immediate attempts to lessen the housing crunch, but they said they are analyzing future residence demands.

Students wake drifting drivers

A University of Victoria student was tired of falling asleep at the wheel, so he made it his mission to give other drivers a wake-up call.

Ben Widsten, along with three other electrical engineering students, spent three months inventing an alarm that wakes drivers if they drift off while on the road.

The Sleep Surveillance System uses a webcam that constantly takes pictures of the driver's eyes to monitor whether they are open or closed.

A computer program instantly reads the images with a function called 'digital signal processing.'

An alarm will go off if the driver's eyes are closed for more than 1.5 seconds.

But the developers don't want tired drivers to use the system as an excuse to stay on the road, the university's student newspaper reports.

"It's not to extend your driving," Widsten said. "It's to tell you when to take a rest."

Sources: *The Globe and Mail*; *The Martlet*; *The Gateway*

Students warned of computer attacks

Officials at Louisiana State University are tracking a rapidly expanding computer virus to combat cyber crime at the school.

The university's information technology department has been monitoring the infestation of a computer program called a 'robot' or 'botnet' which, once installed, allows hackers to control a wide range of computers, coordinate virus attacks and sent mass amounts of unsolicited e-mail.

The virus spreads when users open e-mails from unknown senders, participate in peer-to-peer file sharing and visit non-secure websites.

Most of the United States' spam comes from botnets, and the federal government spends roughly \$35 million in defence against cyber threats, according to a recent government accountability office report.

University officials are warning students to protect their computers against a fast-growing botnet called 'Storm,' which has already infected more than a million machines worldwide.

Source: *The Daily Reveille*

ACROSS THE POND

Student-teacher dispute leads to hunger strike

Students at Bangbasi College of Commerce in West Bengal, India went on an indefinite hunger strike and boycotted their classes earlier this week, accusing their teachers of laziness.

On Sept. 3, students complained to the principal that their teachers were "more keen on private tuition and playing video games" than teaching courses, after all teachers shut down classes for several days following an exchange of threats and insults between some teachers and students on Aug. 30.

Students are protesting on campus and the student union president says the strike will not end until teachers agree to resume regular classes. The union enlisted the Calcutta University registrar to help them with their protest, but a spokesperson from that university said the school will not get involved in the dispute unless students submit a formal written complaint.

Identity fraud charges may be exam scam

A student at the University of York faces 15 charges of identity fraud after he allegedly conspired to have a friend write his business exams.

The university's student newspaper reports Elnar Askerov and former Bank of America employee, 34-year-old Jerome Drean, will enter their pleas before a jury in November regarding the accusations.

The charges include possessing a fake ID and switching identities to defraud the school over 17 months. If convicted, the student will be York's second business exam scammer in less than three months. In May, final-year student Qiu Shi Zhang was convicted of fraud after getting a friend to sit in for him at the same exam.

University officials say the number of incidents is "highly unusual" and that they're taking this court case "extremely seriously," *Vision* reports.

Sources: *The Statesman News Service*; *Vision*.

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- holds contributor meetings every Monday at 5:30 in Room 312 of the SUB.



Security services not panicking

KATIE MAY
NEWS EDITOR

Dalhousie is maintaining normal security levels as students head back to class this week, while other post-secondary schools across Canada and the U.S. revamp their emergency response systems in the wake of last year's college shootings.

University President Tom Traves says Dal's security team is kicking off the academic year by continuing with standard safety measures, which include meeting with city police, developing a 911 response plan and running the campus patrol service.

Campus safety is an ongoing issue that the school's facilities management department constantly reviews, says Traves, adding it's not necessary right now for the university's security force to be on high alert.

"There's no way you can stop someone who's going to do horrible things," Traves said in a phone interview, pointing out that the fatal shootings at Montreal's Dawson College in September and at Virginia Tech in April were tragedies that don't happen everyday.

According to reports from The Canadian Press, Dawson College officials are connecting a school-wide intercom system and outfitting classroom doors with deadbolt locks for emergencies, in preparation for



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the new school year.

Dal has no current plans to implement similar measures, but university spokesperson Charles Crosby confirmed the school is trying to set up an instant messaging network, in addition to the university's e-mail system, as another way to communicate with students during emergencies.

The university safety office also plans to install 10 more portable defibrillator kits, in addition to the two already in campus patrol cars and the one in the Dalplex.

The night manager of security in the Student Union Building says the school's current security policies are sufficient to keep the campus running smoothly.

"It's pretty good. There's not a lot of crime on campus," says Doyle Bond. "The main things I always hear of are equipment being stolen."

The fourth-year commerce student says the university could install more security cameras in public areas on campus to discourage people from committing petty crimes.

Security services should also ensure they have enough fully-trained staff members, both on campus and for special events, to deal with emergencies such as power outages or natural disasters, if they arise, adds SUB security guard Brooke Saunders.

"It's one of those things that no one thinks about until it happens and they freak, 'What do we do?'"

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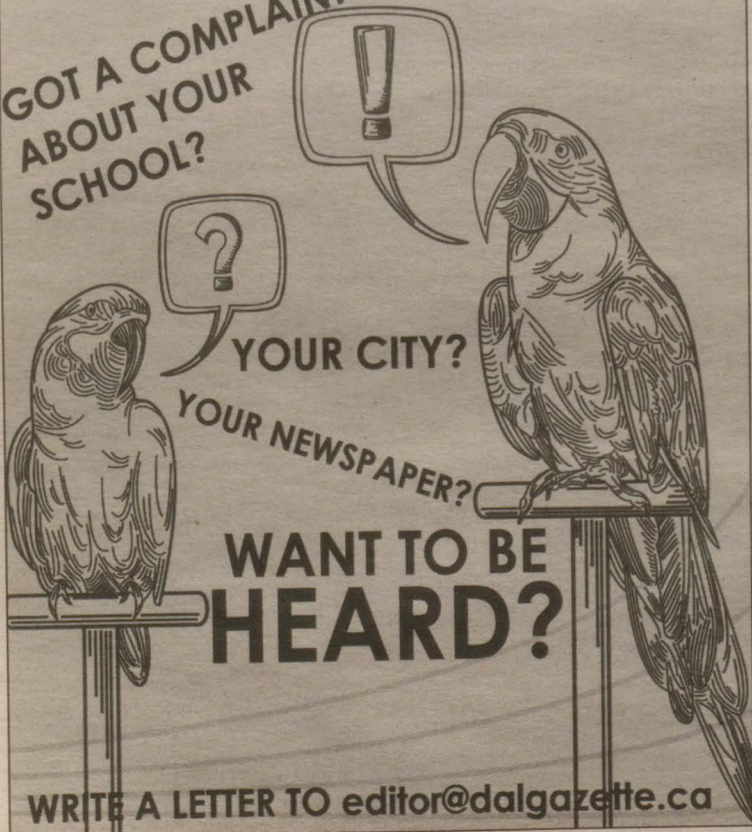
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Packed residences see students sharing common ground

Residences are overflowing as the university welcomed more students this week than have boarded here for two years. There aren't enough spaces for all students and roughly 30 are now living in several lounge areas across campus as temporary makeshift lodgings, confirmed the associate director of marketing for Housing, Conference and Ancillary Services (HCAS).

Verity Astephen says she's not worried about the current lack of rooms because the university usually sees a substantial turnover rate of students leaving residence during the first month of school. She hopes this year's bulging lodgings will set a

trend for a large number of on-campus residents next year.

"This is definitely a good sign for Dal residences," she says.

Even accommodations that the university closed in previous years are now open, such as the Studley House building near Howe Hall, to make room for the influx of students.

The only spaces not available to students are a few floors in O'Brien Hall that the university hasn't used as residence areas in several years, Astephen says.

The school will not accept any more students into residence until it can find rooms for those currently sleeping in common areas.

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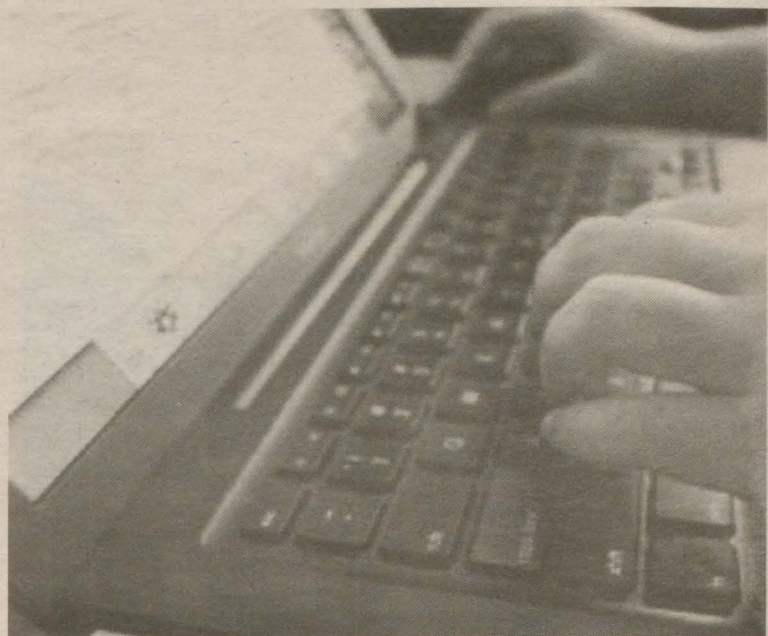
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A friend of mine in Ottawa had roommates who recently stole Astroturf and proudly unfurled it across their living room floor. After a few parties that now rarely escape the damning eye of digital cameras and subsequent Facebook postings, the police showed up at their door with evidence-a-plenty.

Without condoning stealing Astroturf or theft in general, it seems a little invasive for a police force to use Facebook to press charges.

My discomfort is with Facebook and not with the clever tactics of the police. More precisely, the problem is the inability of Facebook members to see the innate risks of sending their social lives into cyberspace.

My friend's clumsy roommates paid the price for naïvely believing this social networking 'tool' was just an extension of their social activities. It's a complete sham. Extending our social lives into cyberspace offers none of the trust and safety of everyday social interaction.

This dilemma is especially relevant to university students. Educational institutions and local police can use Facebook photos to build a case accusing individuals of underage drinking, drug use, illicit sexual acts and other activities that run the gamut of coming-of-age experiences.

It's difficult to condone these acts while criticizing people for recording them in cyberspace. Growing up is not about following a given path, but about making one up. Mistakes and adventure are the backbone of growth. And besides, is there anything worth doing that won't offend someone or potentially put you in

jail?

No one should believe Facebook is a safe place to stash our beloved memories of beer-bongs and lewd clothing. Instead, we should properly reflect on where this stuff is going to end up in the future.

Some companies already use Facebook to evaluate the moral fibre of potential employees, but the scope and danger of putting your private life on the net is much wider. Our generation seems to think the questionable events of late adolescence will fade or remain as playful anecdotes, like they did for our parents. But there is simply no telling where our information will end up in the future.

There is no need to hypothesize about the future to count the dangers of spilling our private lives into cyberspace. I can't stand the idea of someone not having a good time at a party because of what it will look like the next day on Facebook.

If you've forgotten the little box you checked called 'privacy agreement' when you joined Facebook, you're missing out on two very contentious little clauses.

First, Facebook reserves the right to share posted information with a third party, be it the government or a corporation. Secondly, Facebook allows anyone who works for the website to look at data in people's profiles.

I can't say for sure that the site is using information for any nefarious aims, but down the road, there's no telling where the details of your private life may end up.

I joined Facebook last year without any higher motivation in mind. As you can probably tell, I left five months later with more reasons than I could post on my wall.

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Privacy perils in an online world

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The difference between how young and old people see privacy is "the greatest generation gap since rock and roll," says New York Magazine.

It's clear today's university students have grown up in a much different world than their parents did. New technology means the threats people face to their privacy are far greater.

Only 10 years ago, someone's Saturday night indiscretions spread only by word of mouth among a circle of friends.

Nowadays, a moment someone would prefer to forget can be captured on a camera phone and uploaded to the internet, where friends, family and potentially millions of other people can watch it.

Yet there are signs some students today are adopting a laissez-faire attitude towards their personal information, voluntarily posting the most intimate details of their lives online.

Browse social networking sites and personal blogs to find blow-by-blow accounts of arguments with parents and friends, descriptions of messy break-ups and broken hearts, accounts of sexual encounters and photos of drunken high school friends – not to mention personal information such as birth dates and addresses that identity thieves would find handy.

A social revolution is underway and it's clear that everyone – students, profs and parents included – is struggling to figure out the appropriate rules of engagement in this new digital age.

More and more people are stung by the privacy perils implicit in taking their personal lives online.

They have been fired, missed out on job interviews and academic opportunities and been suspended from school for instant messages, wall posts and other digital breadcrumbs they mistakenly thought were treated like private conversations with friends.

At the end of the last school year, Oxford University officials searched

Facebook to find evidence to support disciplinary action against rowdy students celebrating the end of exams.

Earlier this year, several employees of an Ottawa grocery chain – most of them high school and university students – were fired for the derogatory comments they made online about the stores and people who shopped there.

Many employers now routinely conduct online background checks of job applicants, and they're not hiring those who've described their wild social lives to their friends and anyone else with a keyboard.

Digital breadcrumbs can remain available for anyone to see, long into the future, and can come back to haunt you. A decade from now, your new boss likely won't appreciate that photo of you drunkenly hugging a keg.

Mark Sutcliffe, a columnist for The Ottawa Citizen, sagely noted that the poor politicians of the future will not be asked, "Did you inhale?" but rather, "What did you mean when you wrote this in your blog when you were 19 years old?"

What you post online is generally not private. Once something that you think is personal goes online, it becomes public, no matter how hard you try to keep it confidential.

Before posting something, it's a good idea to ask questions such as, 'How would I feel defending this comment during a job interview five years from now?' and 'Am I harming someone else or invading someone's privacy by posting this comment, photo or video?'

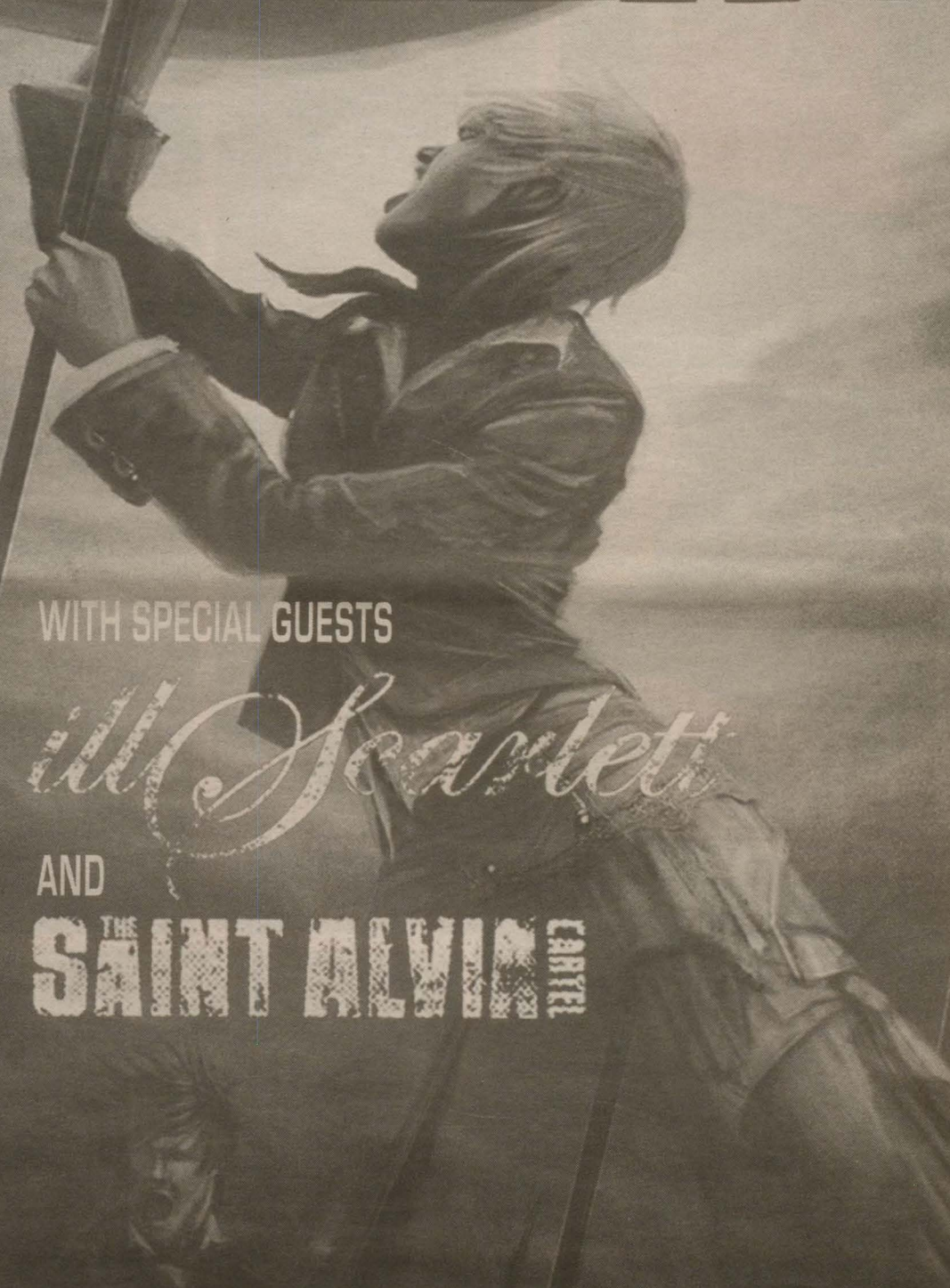
Mellisa Bush, a student at the University of Dayton, Ohio said her personal test on what she posts on internet is, "If Grandma shouldn't know, then it shouldn't be on there." Seems like a good rule to me.

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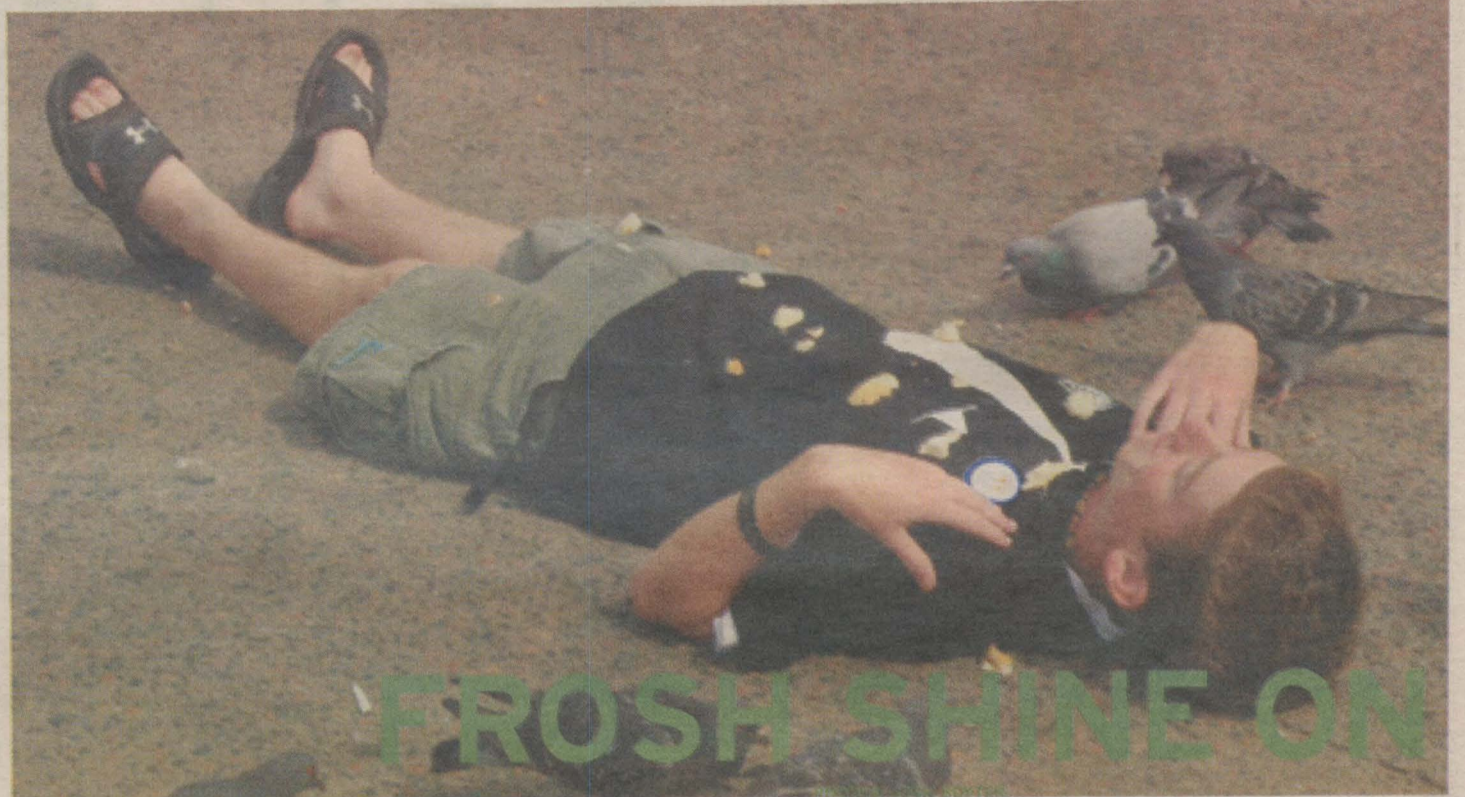
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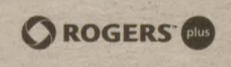


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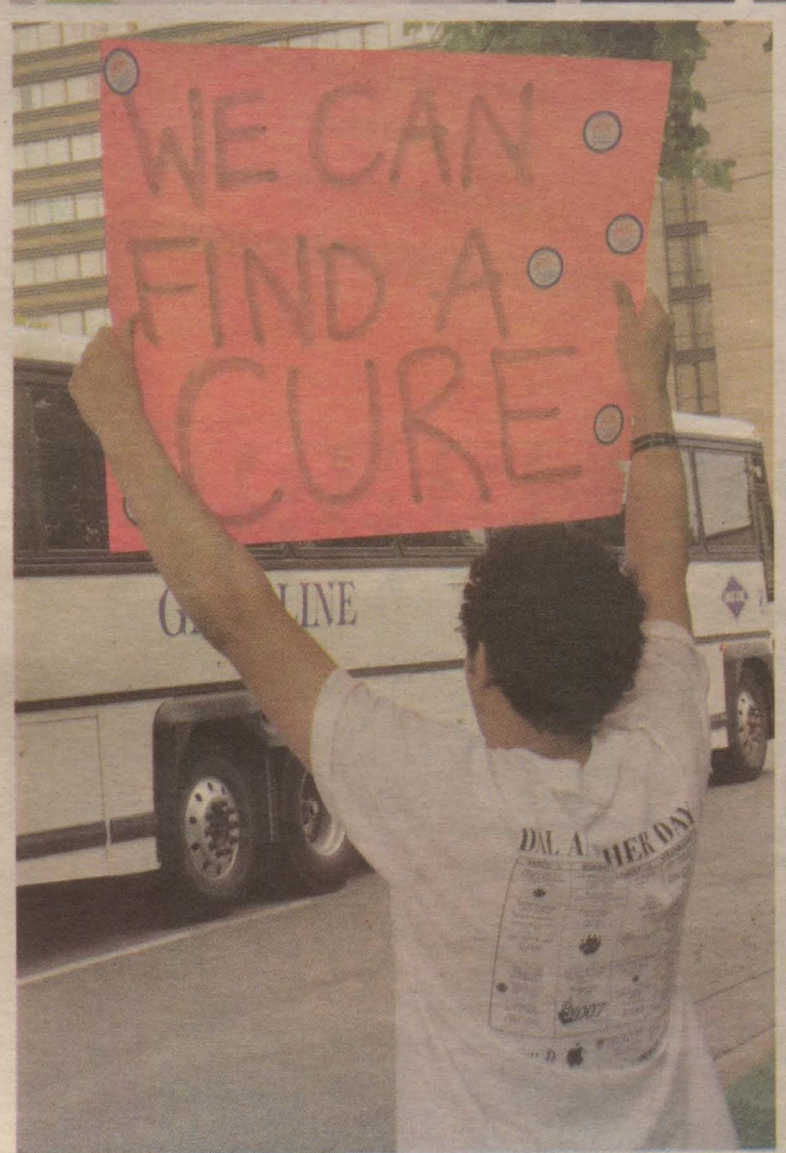
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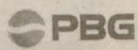
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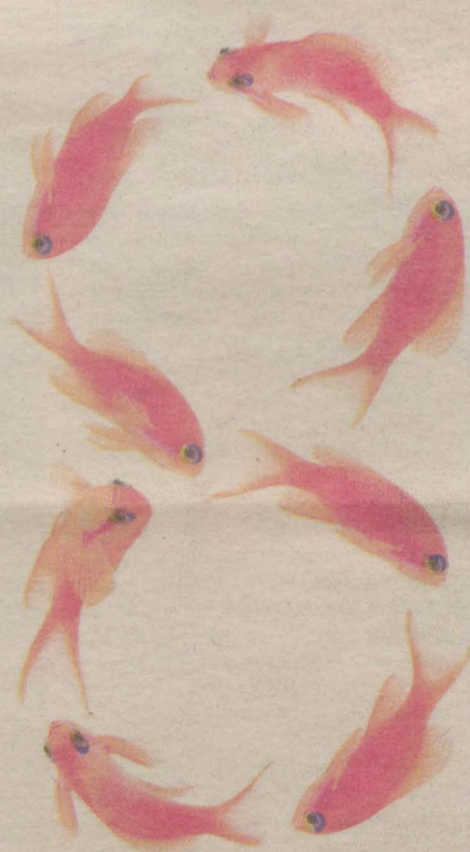


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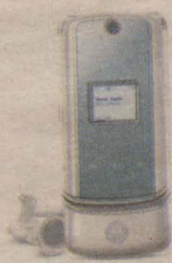


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Local musician bikes and performs across Canada

KARYN HAAG
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Rich Aucoin may not have wings on his feet, a mask or a cape, but he is a superhero of sorts. He has just recently completed a summer long, cross-country tour by bicycle.

Over the course of his three-month-long bike journey, Aucoin cropped off patches of hair after nearly every performance in an effort to raise money for the Childhood Cancer Foundation.

He has arrived back in town, bald, just in time to enjoy the tail end of the surf season. This week he'll perform at Ginger's Tavern and The Attic on Sept. 6 with the band The First Aid Kit backing him.

At the beginning of his tour, Aucoin was optimistic about the trip, citing a quote by Confucius as his inspiration: "The longest journey begins with a single step."

Based on this wisdom, Aucoin has since developed his own ideology.

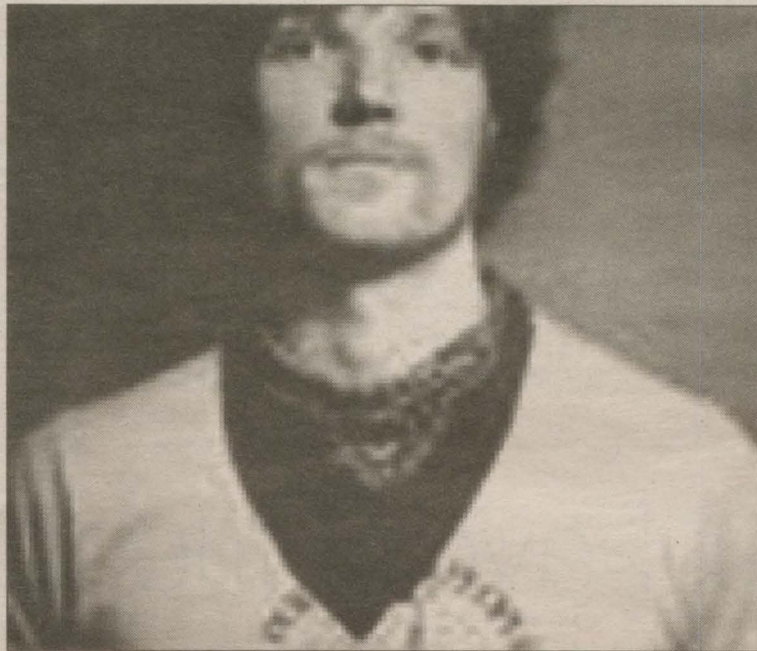
"The hardest part of turning somedays into today's is that one must make a sacrifice to make it happen," Aucoin says, via e-mail. "It's made me realize that you are the one holding yourself back from doing stuff, mostly, and that the hardest part is just getting the ball rolling a lot of the time."

The first step that Aucoin took led him across Canada on a bicycling tour of super-heroic feats.

"Biking was very tough at the beginning. I had a hard time staying up past 9:00 p.m. after a day of biking up and down a mountain," says Aucoin. "I got better at the biking and began to be able to bike, play a show and then bike again."

Aucoin was battered by the Rocky Mountains and had to battle many elements as he travelled - rain, hail, thunder, lightning and brushes with death - as he played over 30 shows across the country and organized publicity in every city at the same time.

"The close calls included 18-wheelers, non-shoulder parts of the road, logging trucks, speeding sports cars and bad weather/road conditions," he says.



Super Aucoin: the neckerchief doubles as a cape.

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But the technicalities of the tour were more difficult than the transportation.

"Booking the tour, finding accommodations, doing my publicity with setting up interviews, articles and reviews in every city was the harder part, actually, and amongst this, playing over thirty shows. I was pretty spent most nights."

Aucoin and his older brother Paul teamed up in Toronto at the beginning of his summer venture. The two played a duet of glockenspiel and vibraphone at The Whippersnapper Gallery. The show went so well that Aucoin was invited to join Paul's band, the Hylozoists in Toronto.

Paul refutes his offer, saying, "Our mom made me let him in the band!"

Aucoin is excited and optimistic about his next endeavour. "I love the Hylozoists and their music and look forward to bringing what I can to the group. New synth playing and videos are a new addition on top of my previous playing of vibes, glockenspiel, and now I'm playing drums, too."

But now that he's returned from

his tour, safe and sound, he's not about to rest

"The next thing I have cooked up is even bigger and crazier," says Aucoin. "I'm going to continue to play my music solo or with a group, if I can afford to pay my friends the money they deserve to help me out and perform my songs with me."

There's also a new music release on the way.

"It's going to be pretty crazy, including a very, very long list of guest artists, a very unique way of tracking, which is going to make it both an EP and an LP. It may or may not be syncing with a popular cartoon that is quite loony, too!"

Not only is Rich Aucoin a cross-country cyclist, a musician, a budding philosopher and a philanthropist, but he is also a master of subtle suggestion. A superhero, indeed.

Aucoin is opening for Johnny Eden, a fellow cycling comrade at Ginger's Tavern on September 6. Later that evening, Aucoin will trundle down the street to play a show at The Attic with a full band, comprised of the members of Halifax's The First Aid Kit.

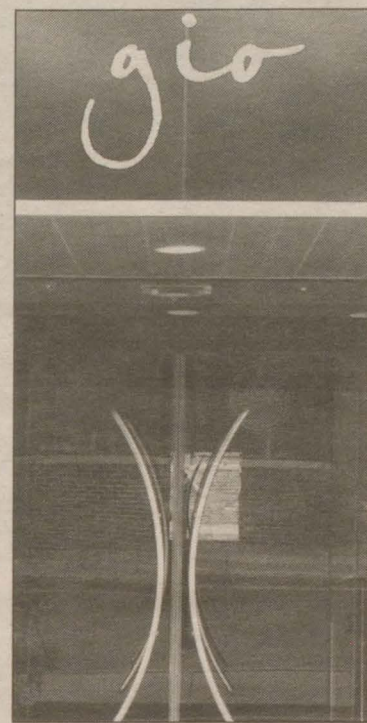
The Epicurious Student: Testing the waters for affordable lunches around Halifax.

ANDREW BERNARDO
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I enjoy dining out in Halifax, but my wallet doesn't. After years of spending money on tuition, rent, books and 'miscellaneous expenses,' I can rarely afford to go out for a full dinner. With entrées ranging from \$15 to \$25 at most good restaurants, being able to eat out as a student becomes less and less palatable.

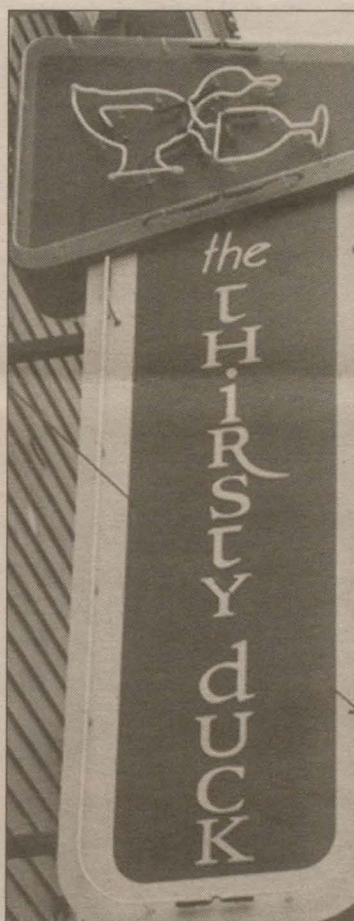
When I'm at a restaurant I usually like to eat something that I haven't tried before or that I probably can't cook myself. So how can I get spectacular food at a decent price while living on a student budget? Lunch.

Most restaurants in the city offer a lunch menu that is 50 to 60 per cent of the cost of their dinner menu items. I've become a lunch guy out of financial necessity. After spending the summer in Halifax and really getting to know the good from the bad, I think there are four restaurants that really stand out, for all price ranges.



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The Duck used to be a dive. Before it was renovated under new management, I can remember my meals there resembling failed science fair projects. But that has all changed now, big time.

The renovations are spectacular, and The Duck now has one of the best rooftop patios in the city. The food is all prepared fresh to order, with no previously frozen ingredients and they make all of their sauces in-house to ensure food allergies are respected. The menu ranges from chicken teriyaki to the best ribs in the city.

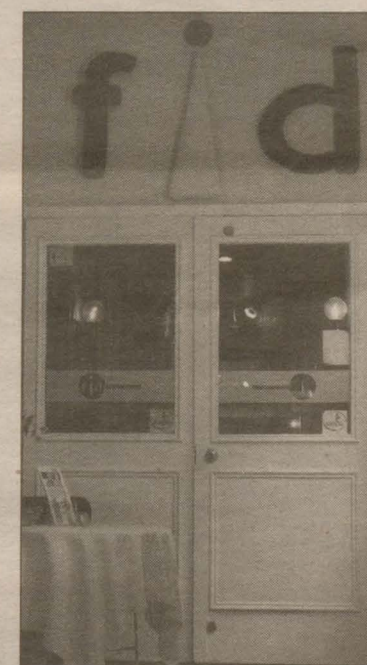
My suggestion: Try anything involving their fresh rotisserie chicken or duck.

Gio

1725 Market Street (Prince George Hotel)

By night, Gio is the best restaurant in Halifax, and perhaps in the Maritimes. Chef Ray Bear has put together a funky, upscale restaurant that has the best service in the city.

As I'm not dating the daughter of the Sultan of Brunei, I can't afford to eat there for dinner. Lunch, however, is pretty well priced for a special meal out. The menu features fresh seafood, buttermilk chicken



Fid

1569 Dresden Row

If Gio is the best restaurant in the city, Fid finishes behind it only by a whisker. It has an intimate atmosphere, impeccable service and very creative cuisine. Fid's cuisine has a great deal of Asian influence. Kao Soi and Pad Thai highlight the menu, which also features the best (and most original) steak frites in



the city.

My suggestion: Steak frites or the fresh tagliatelle with an arugula pesto and fresh tomato.

Tom's Little Havana

5428 Doyle Street

Tom's is a very affordable place to eat. A former cigar lounge, Tom's has retained its funky atmosphere, food and great drinks while nixing the smoke. I'm partial to their sandwiches.

My suggestion: Smoked salmon or the blackened chicken panini.

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When in Rome

AMY DEMPSEY
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

My winter term abroad leaked into some summer travel, and in May I found myself taking a highly anticipated solo trip across Italy. Traveling alone gave me the opportunity to meet many fascinating people from all over the world. Interestingly, many of them turned out to have Canadian and even specifically Nova Scotian connections.

I met a Venetian woman who proudly proclaimed to have seen Celine Dion in concert, an elderly couple who once spent a summer in Halifax and a young couple who were planning a trip to my home of Cape Breton.

The phrase 'it's a small world' is universal, and it definitely applied in these situations. But it wasn't until the very last week of my vacation, when I found myself in Rome, that I

truly had a small world experience. The following sequence of events occurred in the same 24-hour period in the same European city.

I purchase a ticket for a walking tour of the Colosseum, having learned it's the fastest route into the ancient amphitheatre.

Three English speaking women soon join me, and while they chat animatedly, I pretend to read my guidebook and eavesdrop. Two weeks on my own has left me hungry for a bit of gossip, even if I don't know the people involved. As it turned out, I did know some of the people mixed up in the chatter.

The girls were recent Dalhousie graduates, one of which I had even taken a class with the previous semester.

Later that night, I am on a backpacker pub crawl, and happen to meet a couple of guys from Montreal. After a while, they mention a

trip they took to Nova Scotia to visit friends at Dal over spring break.

"Names?" I ask.

The very first one they throw out happens to be a good friend of mine who lived on my floor in residence the previous year.

At the next bar on the same pub crawl, the blood alcohol levels were higher, hair was messy and the makeup is melting. There I am, double rum and coke in each hand, loudly explaining to my new pub-crawl friends that Cape Breton Island is the most fabulous place on earth, when I feel a tap on my shoulder.

Two women excitedly tell me that they too are from the Cape. Not only that, but they have a younger sister, same age as me, who goes to Dalhousie. Do I know her? Of course I do. Their sister was one of my first and best friends back in the frosh days of first year.

Maybe it is a Dal world after all.



Faculty of Architecture and Planning Senate Review November 22-23, 2007

The Dalhousie Senate is conducting a regular review of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning. The purpose of the review is to improve academic activities and provide information for planning, budgeting and other decision-making processes.

The Senate Review Committee for Architecture and Planning (chaired by Dr. Farid Taheri, Civil & Resource Engineering) is seeking information from all interested parties and is open to your comments and concerns. All faculty, staff and students of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning are particularly invited to participate in the review. Appointments can be arranged to meet with the Senate Review Committee on Tuesday, September 25 or Wednesday, September 26 and/or two external reviewers who will be on campus from Thursday, November 22 to Friday, November 23 for a site visit. The external reviewers are:

Dr. Marco Frascari
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and

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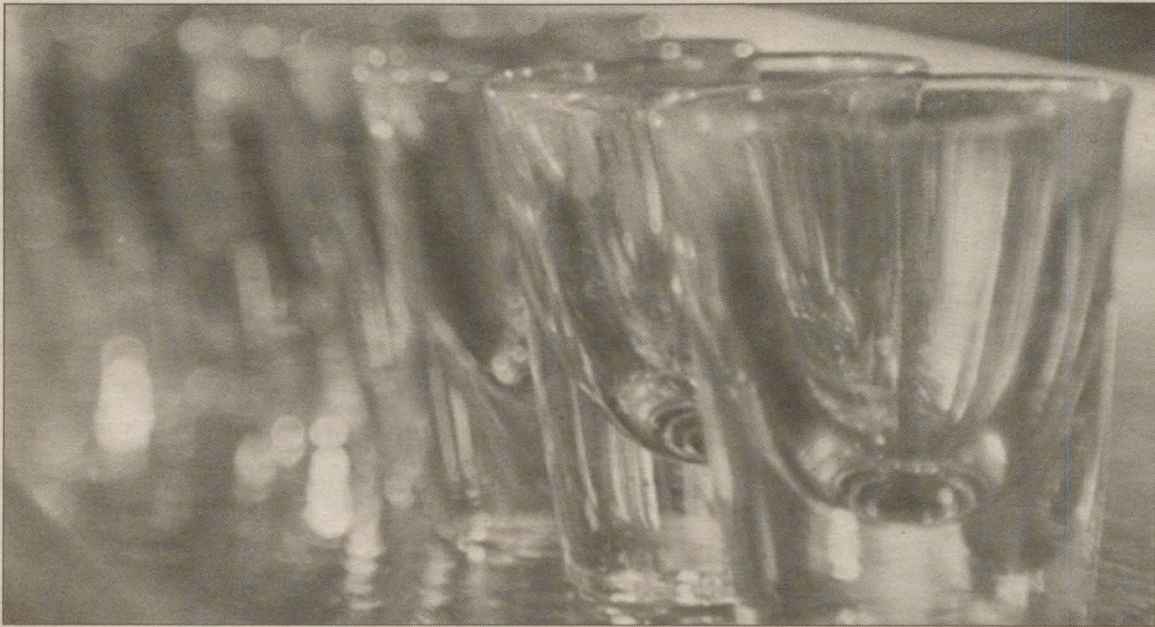
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Never Had I Ever : Been robbed at the Dome

AMY DEMPSEY
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

I think the most embarrassing part of this story is admitting I was at The Dome.

I swore off The Palace within months of becoming legal, but have continued to hit up the Dirty D occasionally over the last few years for cheap shots and decent dance tunes. Increasingly, however, my love for student nights and dollar drinks has become overshadowed by mean bouncers, broken glass, sneaky hands and vomit.

I much prefer dancing to live music in the tiny space between the stage and the bar at the good old Split Crow, or in front of the band at Pogue Fado or Cheers. Every once in awhile, however, when enough time has gone by between visits for me to forget what the place is actually like, I somewhat hesitantly decide to Dome-it.

Such was the case last Wednesday, when I found myself heading downtown with my friend Megan. We made our way to Argyle Street

and stood in line behind three girls in very mini mini-skirts flirting shamelessly with the uninterested bouncers checking their IDs.

Meg and I entered The Dome, grabbed a few drinks and sat down near the fairly empty dance floor.

After consuming a few rum or vodka and whatevers, we decided to take advantage of the small crowd and hit the dance floor before peak time, which sends the temperature soaring and sweat flying.

Meg placed her purse, containing both of our essential downtown items on the ledge which surrounds the dance floor and we kept a close eye on it while we danced.

The three girls we had encountered outside soon joined us and began grinding enthusiastically against the ledge. My mingled expression of amusement and disgust brought Megan's attention to the curious sight, but she shrugged in reply, reminding me that stranger things have happened at The Dome.

We ignored the girls and barely noticed as they slowly inched their way along the ledge, butt-ing in

front of us. I became concerned only when they blocked our view of Megan's purse, so I reached around them to retrieve it.

Imagine my surprise when I found that one of their hands was already inside it.

I'll allow you to imagine a tableau of this chaotic scene: the three little sneaks with their eyes wide, horrified at having been caught; myself snatching the purse back, enraged, mouth open and spilling out words I won't repeat in The Gazette; and my friend Megan, frozen in a random dance position, temporarily oblivious to the robbery and clearly having a blast.

Megan and I checked the purse thoroughly, glaring at the hoochie thieves, who lamely continued to dance. We were relieved to find cell phones, lip gloss and IDs. By the time we realized that there was in fact a bit of money missing, the girls had taken off.

We took our blessings and cabbled home, cursing The Dome the whole way, but somehow knowing that it wouldn't be our last time there.



McAvoy sports mutton chops in a nod to his previous role as a half-goat.

Becoming Jane

BRITTANY CURRAN
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

It was not love at first sight for Jane Austen and Tom Lefroy, nor was it for me and this film. But first impressions don't mean everything. Austen believed that "sometimes affection is a flower that takes time to blossom." Therefore, double takes can be worthwhile.

Becoming Jane depicts Jane Austen's pivotal relationship with Tom Lefroy and her developing relationship with writing.

Lefroy is driven by adventure and Austen by imagination. What begins as an insufferable acquaintance transforms into a story of mutual, yet ultimately idle love.

The palpable chemistry between Anne Hathaway (Austen) and James McAvoy (Lefroy) is undeniable.

Both actors deliver believable and evocative performances by embodying the eloquence of pre-Victorian society. Wide eyes and porce-

lain skin complement Hathaway's character while McAvoy's boyish appearance and compelling presence emphasize his potential.

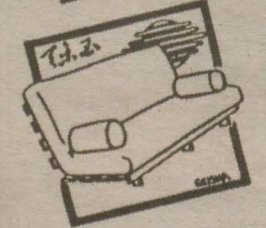
Hathaway's roles have matured, going from a Princess of Genovia to a queen of English literature. McAvoy proves his versatility by playing a vulnerable Mr. Tumnus in The Chronicles of Narnia and now the self-assured Lefroy. Although light-hearted Disney flicks are endearing, poignant biopics prevail.

What does not succeed as well is the script's linearity. Minimalism can work if the content is satisfying, but the audience naturally hopes for, anticipates, and even expects a climax. Becoming Jane never reaches a notable peak and lacks a certain excitement. It's as if something is missing. The cinematography captures 19th century exquisiteness, but the subject matter does not.

Becoming Jane is captivating, but not fulfilling. At least not the first time around.

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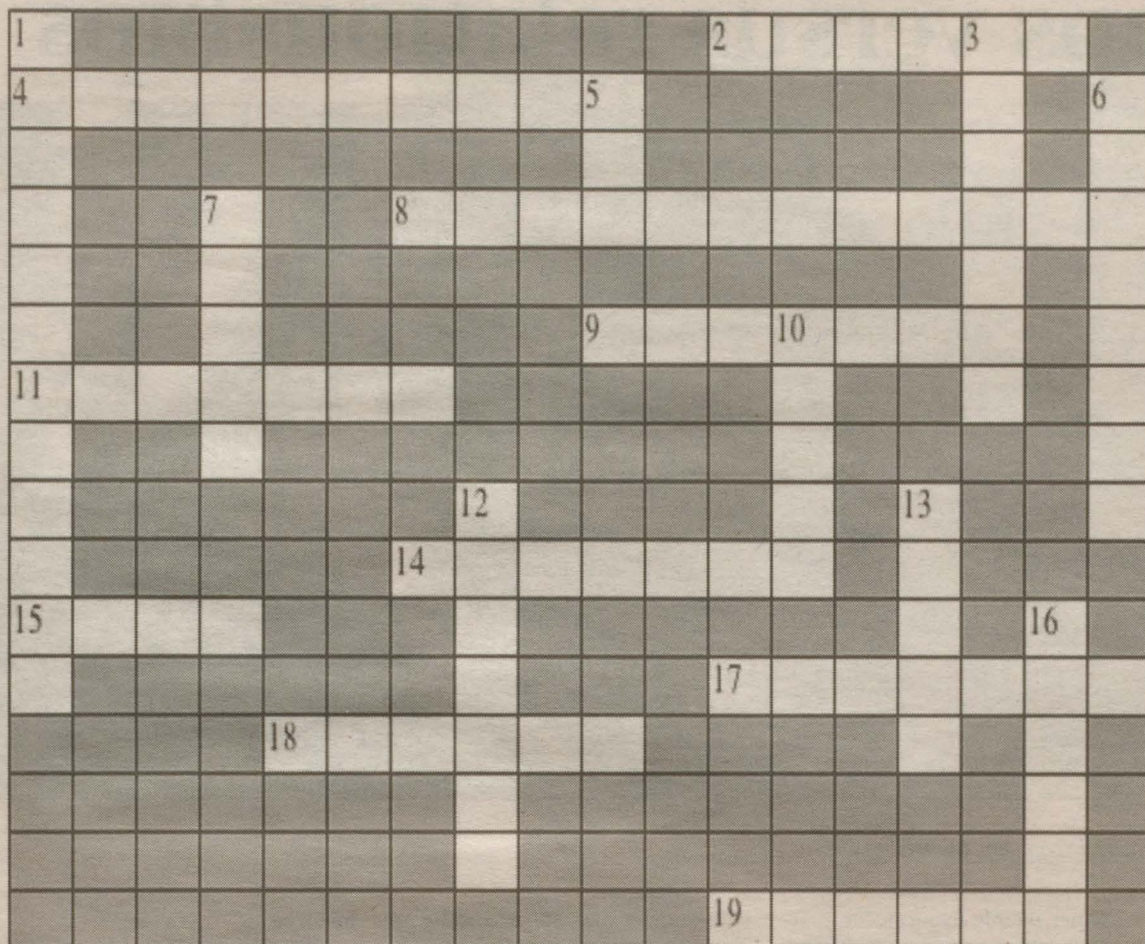
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SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)
 You are the king or queen of the castle this week. Make sure that you eat your turkey with a spork. Also, always wear a bib or you might get a carrot up your nose. A trip to Pizza Corner will get messy and end with donair sauce. True love will find you if you open your eyes to what's in front of you.



VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)
 Plant something. Your spirit is in need of growth, and so is your mojo. Make sure to water it daily with a sprinkle of care. Also, try to be late for class once so you can shake your stuff for everyone as you walk to the last available seat at the front. A trip to the Dawg Father will end in delicious delight and a new friend.



LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)
 Take a leap of faith and you will be pleasantly surprised to see that the tooth fairy has left you something under your pillow. Beware though - it might be a sticky something that should have been thrown in the garbage the night before. Embarrassment is inevitable. Take a chance this week and talk to someone you would otherwise shy away from.



PISCES (February 20 - March 20)
 With the moon aligning with your pencil, good things are in your cards this week. You will make friends easily in new situations. Just don't tell them about the mango hiding in your closet until you know they're hungry. You will be lucky this week after you pick up that penny you spotted across the room. This means there is a major change looming, but don't worry- it's a good one. Embrace it.



AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)
 Stay far away from the books this week. With the sun rising over Spring Garden, your vacation is not over - it has only just begun. It's time to let loose and enter the first door you encounter on a walk you didn't plan on taking. The monkey that lives on your shoulder will tell you otherwise, but he is just old and in need of a banana.



TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
 There is a pine needle stuck in your butt. This is the week to remove it. Be careful, because a mischievous individual who is pretending to be your friend put it there. Don't worry, you'll tame the lion with the whipped cream and cherry you put atop their ice cream.



LEO (July 24 - August 23)
 You are going to be thrown into crossfire this week. But it will be the kind of crossfire that is silent but deadly so no one will know who the culprit is. This means that you have to play the mediator and make sure to always make like a window not a door. Just be careful when crossing the street, you will need to look both ways first.



GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
 You seem to be on a roll this week. You can do no wrong. The fish named Wanda in your bowl is swimming and about to jump free. Make sure it's fed for the journey. Help a friend in need by buying them a much-needed drink. You'll notice that you will get back what you give.



SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)
 Your love will be like a drug this week. Just be careful the people you attract don't get addicted and overdose. You could be blamed for something that was not your fault in the first place. There is a quarter in your drink, so be careful not to swallow it.



ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
 You have been up to no good and somebody is onto you. Remember that there are only 24 hours in a day and seven days in a week. Make sure your time is well spent and that you have not spread yourself too thin as Aries tend to do. You are not as slick as you think you are, but your personality will shine through any cloud. So buy a Harley Davidson and ride it into the wind. That'll show 'em.



CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)
 Your presence is larger than life this week. Make sure you hold on tight to your stilts while moving through congested areas. Just because you got kicked out of the bar last week does not mean they won't let you back in this week. You can do it, put your gusto to it.



CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
 With the frosh entering your birth sign, it's in your cards that you will be heckled this week. Don't let it get you down. Yes, it will be a tad embarrassing, but just remember to resist the urge to yell something stupid back. It will only make you look like a bigger jackass. Just make a note of the person, place, or license plate and return with an egg or flaming bag of poop - whichever tickles your fancy.

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Hook-ups versus relationships

HUGH WALLACE
SEX COLUMNIST

First-year relationships are filled with ups and downs. It is, in my opinion, the true start of our semi-adult sexual life, and therefore a very uncertain time for those of us who still wish to party like we're in grade 12.

Taking things too seriously, not seriously enough or just down right not even caring seemed to be the prevailing attitudes of the majority of my friends in first year.

It seems that most first-year relationships are over-dramatized, in a *Young and the Restless* kind of way.

In talking about first-year relationships, it is necessary to distinguish between long-distance and local. In my opinion, the majority of first-year, long-distance relationships work out fairly well...for the first couple of weeks.

You have a friend you can always call to talk to and get support from during your first few days.

However, sticking to your ancient guns (i.e. last year's lover) can cause you to isolate yourself, especially during critical frosh week antics. This is the time when people hook up, get to know each other, drink together and generally form their first ideas of university life. It's an extremely sexualized time for a lot of people.

You may have been in relationships before or you may not have, but the fact remains that in university, things change. People become older (as they do every year) and wiser and decide that they can't do the 1 to 2 week relationship anymore.

These people end up in serious



They learned this kissing technique from *The Young and the Restless*.

relationships that either go well or not so well, depending on the attitudes of those involved.

Some advice: if you care too much, if you let your little heart get too close too soon with the wrong person, or if you invest in lots of time together, someone gets either smothered, bored or moves on entirely.

If you care too little, if you blow your partner off, if you stop caring about their wellbeing and sexual appetite, someone gets pissed, hurt and inevitably, will leave your sorry ass behind.

Other people living in the first-year fish tank (as opposed to the sea) are those who don't care about relationships as much.

We've all met them before. We've all been propositioned by them or propositioned them ourselves before, and we all know how it ends. It's quick, dirty and delightful, and exactly what the doctor ordered sometimes.

Between enduring a relationship and hopping around from one person to the next, there is no true superlative choice for your first year of university. It's important that you

lead your sexual life according to your terms and no one else's.

You can sleep with, be with, date or do whoever you want, at whatever rate you want and at whatever intensity you want (assuming you can find willing partners). This is your ballgame.

Relationships will fall in line if you can be yourself. It's about finding your parallel puzzle piece (as corny as that sounds). Try to ignore the residence environment.

Live your life the way you would if you were alone. Don't listen to gossip – always ask the people directly

involved.

Relationships are a lot of work, regardless of your environment, but it's best to know about things that can distort reality.

Have a fun year. Do the things you want to do and don't be concerned about finding or being in a relationship just yet.

As for the rest of us in our second, third and fourth years, or even the dreaded victory lap (I'm not embarrassed), let's just keep schlepping along our exciting yet oddly formulaic paths, fondly remembering our own first-year relationships.

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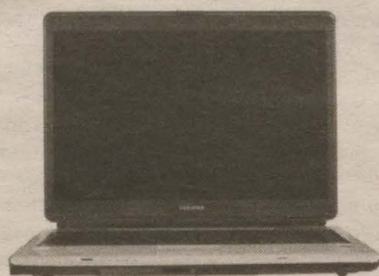
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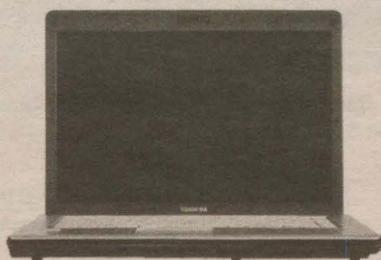
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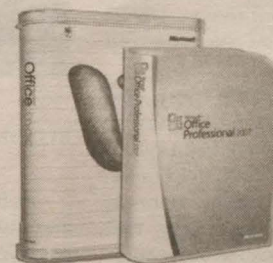
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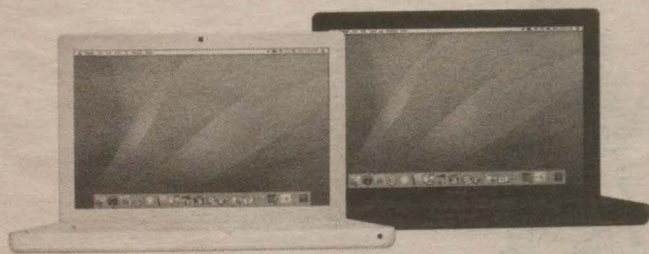


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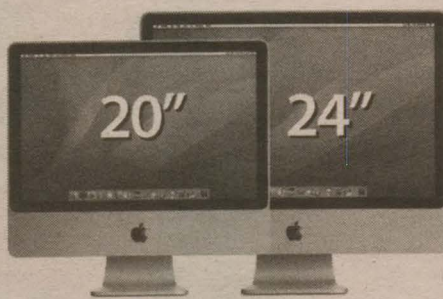
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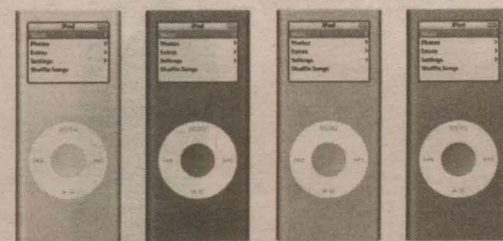
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JOEY RYBA
SPORTS EDITOR

Welcome to Dalhousie, home of the Tigers. Athletics are a huge part of campus life: Dalhousie has many varsity and club teams, and a huge campus intramural program.

And they're yours for the taking. At the varsity level, the Tigers compete in the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) Conference under the umbrella of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS).

Both men's and women's teams suit up in ice hockey, soccer, basketball, volleyball, cross-country running, track and field and swimming.

The season kicks off early in September with soccer and cross-country, followed by hockey and swimming in October, and basketball and volleyball in November. Track and field starts in January.

For schedules, visit www.athletics.dal.ca. Admission to all varsity games at Dal is free with your Dal ID card, so come out and cheer-on your Dalhousie Tigers.

In addition to varsity sports, Dal has many clubs and club teams. In the club circuit, we have badminton, baseball, dance, fencing, field hockey, figure skating, judo, lacrosse, masters swim, rowing, rugby, taekwondo, ultimate frisbee and water-polo. Clubs like taekwondo compete within Dal, whereas clubs such as rugby compete against other universities. For information regarding contacts, go to www.athletics.dal.ca.



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In basketball, as in nature, Tigers eat Sea Hawks.

As for intramural sport, get down and don't be afraid of a little dirt! Dal has a huge intramural program, and you're definitely invited to join in.

Intramural sports include hockey, basketball, broomball, flagfootball, water-polo, soccer, ultimate frisbee, volleyball and softball.

There are two ways to get involved in intramurals: through your residence, or a through a faculty team.

Men's, women's and co-ed teams compete at the A and B levels. For those of you in residence, your sports rep will have all the information and you'll definitely see sign-up sheets

Simplify: 2007/2008 guide to sports jargon

COLLEEN COSGROVE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

This small guide will help you leave sports lingo confusion behind and ease all the pain and suffering of those quietly uttering, "What the hell does AUs mean?"

The guide is small, but then again, so are acronyms. They're used for simplicity and consistency, and for athletes, their power is always felt.

Reaching AUs — the playoff tournament of the AUS — and CIs — the playoffs of the CIS — is the common goal held by all varsity athletes and is the ultimate reward after months of training and competition.

Without further ado, here it is: the 2006/2007 guide to sports jargon that The Gazette will throw at you in the weeks to come.

AUS: Atlantic University Sport
CWUAA: Canada West University Athletics Association

OCAA: Ontario University Athletics Association

QSSF: Quebec Student Sports Federation

The four mentioned above are regional athletic conferences.

AUS: N.S., N.B., P.E.I. and Nfld.

CWUAA: B.C., Alta., Sask. and Man.

OCAA: Ontario

QSSF: Quebec

CIS: Canadian Interuniversity

Sport

The overall governing organization of the regional athletic conferences.

AUs: The final championship games between the best teams/racers in the Atlantic provinces. Usually the top five or six teams compete, including the host team, which is granted a bye regardless of its standing.

CIs: The final competition between the top eight or nine teams/racers across Canada.

The host university changes from year to year, usually rotating between east and west and is commonly held in the same place for two years in a row.

Bye: Occurs when a team is in the first-place position at the start of a tournament, meaning they're automatically granted a position in the second round of playoffs without having to compete in the first round.

QMJHL: Quebec Major Junior Hockey League

OHL: Ontario Hockey League

WHL: Western Hockey

These three leagues are composed of male hockey players aged 16 to 20 years. Most players on the Dal men's hockey team and other AUS men's hockey teams come from one of the leagues mentioned above.

NCAA: National Collegiate Athletics Association

The American equivalent of CIS.

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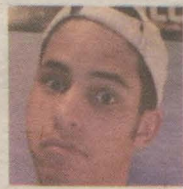
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Welcome back from DSEUS

SCOTT WETTON
DSEUS PRESIDENT

I would like to kick the year off with a drink to all engineering students, from your Dalhousie Sexton Undergraduate Engineering Society (DSEUS).

Hope all you engineers had a great time at the new orientation day put together by DSEUS, DUES, and the Faculty of Engineering. We plan to keep the momentum going from this first event and continue on with another great year of Dal Engineering.

Keep checking dalsexton.ca and the posters that will be up around campus for events put on by your

DSEUS council. I will see you all at EngiBeer every Friday in the common room where BEVERages will be served from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. followed immediately with a short walk, saunter, or crawl to the T-Room for the remainder of the evening.

If all those Fridays are not enough to keep you busy, don't hesitate to get involved or speak up. We are always looking for people to help with events, generate ideas, make comments and complaints. The more we hear from you, the better we can make your experience at Dal Eng. Contact us through: dsues@dal.ca. I wish you all the best this year, and don't forget to bookmark dalsexton.ca.

Faculty of Architecture and Planning to reduce waste by 50 per cent

RACHEL C DERRAH

When approached by the PaperCut Project with the challenge of shifting to environmental paper and reducing consumption by 30 per cent, the Dean of Architecture Grant Wanzel stepped up and raised the bar higher.

The Faculty of Architecture and Planning set the goal of reducing overall waste by 50 per cent in one year. Other faculties are invited to take on this challenge and prove that sustainability is more than a buzz word, it's a lifestyle everyone must adopt to achieve long term success.

This faculty has high levels of waste because of the models they build, large posters for presentations and materials that are hoarded by students and thrown in the dumpster at the end of term.

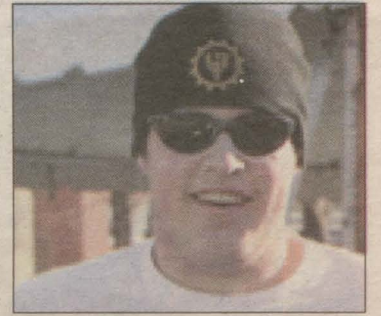
Students will be encouraged to think creatively, use recycled and organic materials and think before they print.

A 'take and leave' station has been established for students to share materials and minimize landfill clutter. Paper is a large source of waste in any office so measures such as double-side copying, and reduc-



ing page margins, and using 'one side good' paper are being adopted.

The PaperCut Project is a campaign of the Sierra Youth Coalition's Sustainable Campuses Initiative. The goal is for all universities and colleges in Atlantic Canada to purchase Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified paper and reduce consumption by 30%. The Faculty of Architecture and Planning is the first to commit to the challenge.



Update from Studley

CHRIS SAULNIER
DUES PRESIDENT

The Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society represents the Engineers in first and second year. I'd like to start off by welcoming the incoming first year engineers and welcoming back the second years. Congratulations for making it this far!

Even though school is just starting your Engineering Council has spent all summer planning lots of great activities for you to take part in. The first full week of classes we have planned a whole series of welcome back events.

Be sure to keep your eyes open for a schedule. We also have tickets for a Moosehead's Hockey game on Saturday September 29th so be sure to come out and show your Dal Eng spirit.

If you have any questions feel free to come up and introduce yourself to any of the council members. I look forward to a fun filled year.

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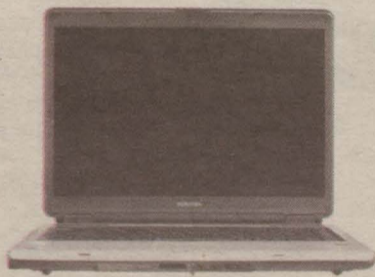
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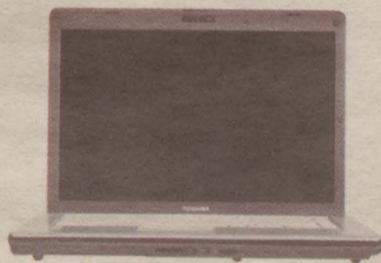
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