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WEEKLY DISPATCH

Hello, Dalhousie students!

We would like to congratulate the University on its two recent environmental awards. Dalhousie is the first university to receive the EcoLogo Environmental Stewardship Award, which recognizes the university's switch earlier this year to green cleaning products. We have also been recognized by the Sustainable Endowments Institute with the Champion of Sustainability in Communities Award for the work done by the university's Eco-Efficiency Centre. Congrats and keep up the good work! Your students and your environment thank you.

Here at the DSU we also take pride in sustainability. The DSU sustainability office is a student-run space that aids and engages the student body in education, awareness, research, policy, operations, recommendations and change pertaining to social, economic and environmental sustainability. If you have concerns or ideas surrounding the sustainability of Dal's campus, visit www.dsu.ca or email: dsu.sustain@dal.ca.

Dalhousie students caught national attention during the federal election last week when two-thirds of students attempting to vote were turned away at the on-campus polls, either because they had a lack of appropriate documentation or because they live off-campus. This weekend's municipal election also caused problems for students whose family homes are outside of HRM, but who are undoubtedly affected by the election's results. We, your DSU executive, believe that students and other young people should have a say in the issues that affect us. We are working with governments at all levels to fix the problems we've identified, and have already secured commitments from members of the provincial government to improve this process for next time.

To all society leaders! This year's Society Village Square is tonight, **October 23rd, 5:30-7:30 pm in the McInnes Room!** It is mandatory that **at least one society executive attend.** The Village Square is an opportunity to learn about the benefits and responsibilities of being a society executive, to ask any questions you may have, and to interact with other societies with similar questions. Email dsuvpi@dal.ca with any questions.

As always, the Grawood is a great place to stop for lunch throughout the week, and both the Grawood and T-Room provide fantastic programming for your evenings. Check out this week's details online at www.dsu.ca.

Are you interested in becoming involved in student life on campus? Do you want to know what is going on around Dal in terms of events, activities and services? Do you possess a desire to share your school spirit with your peers? If so, Tiger Troupe is the way to go! This enthusiastic and interactive group of volunteers will be charged with delivering basic information on DSU events and services personally to students. Commitment can be as simple as announcements in your own classroom, or as engaging as stunts and performances. This program is recruiting now! For more info, contact Daniel Boyle at dsuvpi@dal.ca.

Check back next week for more news, and as always, contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Your DSU Executive



GAZETTE...STAFF



COVER

The Gazette's layout designer Susan Marou is gallivanting around New York this week - a prime opportunity for the rest of the staff to comment on the smooth production of this issue. In the five days since our design dictator has been shopping, drinking and spending money, no one has left the office in tears, no one has partaken in any screaming matches, and our bruises have had a week to heal. We have five days left to feel good about ourselves before she returns. We miss you, Sue!

WE SCREWED UP!

In the Oct. 16 Letter from the Editor "Art for a change", we misidentified Halifax's inaugural Nocturne Festival as Nocturnal Festival.

In "Dal gallery's wild side" (Sept. 25), exhibit curator Peter Dykhuis' name was misspelled.

The Gazette apologizes for any confusion or embarrassment these errors may have caused.

Corrections policy

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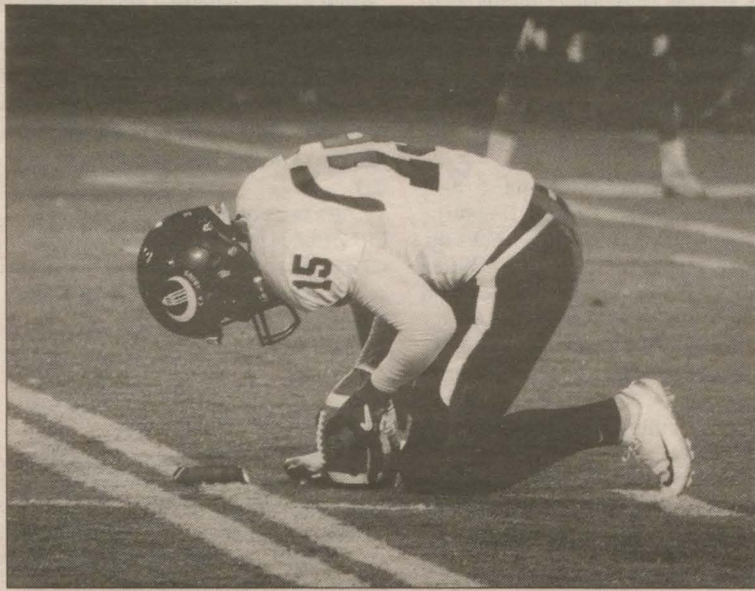
Missing the pigskin

JULIE SOBOWALE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When I think about fall, I think about football. As much as I love Dalhousie University, I hate that our school doesn't have a football team. This is a topic that has been discussed amongst sports fans and Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council members, past and present. The Saint Mary's University Huskies' head coach, Steve Sumarah, said in a 2006 interview with the dearly departed *Daily News* that a Saint Mary's/Dal football rivalry would be great for the city.

So why don't we have a football team to compete with our rivals, the Huskies? Well, the answer is a bit complicated.

Once upon a time Dal had a football team in the Bluenose Football Conference. The league, like the Tigers team, is now defunct. The team played its last game in 1976. Students from the past worked to get football back on the Tigers roster, passing a referendum in 1996 for a \$10 student



JOHN PACKMAN/GAZETTE FILE PHOTO

Why doesn't Dal have a football team?

levy that would go toward funding Dal football. But a new team was never formed and the money was

re-allocated by the DSU council for building renovations. The university decided not to pursue the matter and

the idea faded away.

So why is university football important? Football brings in more than big burly guys to the student population. Football alumni are arguably the most generous in supporting university sports for most universities. Then there's the publicity factor. We were witness to the Huskies' push for Vanier Cup last year. When their games were broadcast on national television, so were the university's recruitment ads. The Huskies football team was one of the major sports stories in Halifax last year. That means lots of talk about Saint Mary's and lots of publicity for the school.

Perhaps the biggest argument to bring back Dal football is for the love of school spirit. Sporting events are one of the few ways a university can measure the enthusiasm students have for their school. Average attendance at a university football game can range from a few hundred to a few thousand people. Only hockey and basketball games come close to drawing in those numbers. Football is the loudest, most expensive and most

difficult sport to manage for a university – but the payoff is high.

We need more than wishful thinking for football to come back to Dal. The administration would have to commit to building a multi-purpose stadium, a costly and complicated endeavour. Where the stadium would be built and who would pay for it are not easy questions to answer. Then there are concerns about maintaining the facility and finding the support staff and players needed to start the team. I suspect these issues are reasons why football failed to make a comeback 12 years ago and why the university never supported the idea. Space and funds are already tight. Throwing in a stadium and a high-profile team does not help the university administration with its Dal Master Plan agenda.

I do wonder, though, why the ill-fated football funds never went to other athletic-related issues such as funding to fix the Dalplex or to the existing recreational programs on campus. I guess Dal will never get caught up in football fever. At least we still have our hockey team.

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More women report home invasions

CHRISTIE CONWAY
ARTS EDITOR

Women in the South End of Halifax are reporting more incidents of an unidentified man entering unsecured residences after last week's local media coverage of similar events.

"We're looking at a number of them," says Jeff Carr, spokesperson for the Halifax Regional Police. "We can't say for sure that they're the same person."

According to Carr, all new reports are similar to the previous enterings in the South End and all happened between Sept. 27 and Oct. 12. In each incident the man entered the residence between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m.

"In every case he's entered through a door that was left open. There hasn't been any forced entry," says Carr. "He hasn't laid a hand on anyone. He appears to just be standing there watching them sleep."

On Oct. 16, Dalhousie's campus security department sent e-mails to Dal students and faculty informing them that a man had been entering

unsecured homes of female students living alone or with other females in the early hours of the morning while the occupants were asleep.

In all of the incidents reported at the time of the e-mail, the man was scared off when the occupants woke up, and he left without confrontation.

The man is described as a white male between the ages of 19-25. He has short hair and an average build.

Carr says the Halifax quick response unit, a plainclothes police team, will be patrolling the South End. Regular officers who patrol the area are aware of the situation and will be abreast of any reports of unusual activity.

The police have also assigned a full time investigator to go through any reports in the past few months of prowlers, break and entry and suspicious persons.

"She's trying to determine if there may be a linkage with any of them or if they may be associated with these incidents," says Carr.

Dal spokesperson Charles Crosby says Dal Security is taking every measure to secure student safety on cam-

pus, such as employing campus security patrols. Students living off campus should pay extra attention, he says, and ensure their doors are locked.

"Being aware and locking up are the most important things people can do," he says.

The recent invasions came to light only two weeks after the Dalhousie Women's Centre's Oct. 3 Take Back the Night March. The march is an annual protest against sexual violence and violence against women.

Elizabeth McCormack, the centre co-ordinator who helped organize Take Back the Night, says these invasions are nothing new for many women in Halifax.

"The fact of the matter is for a lot of women this is old news," says McCormack. "Women deal with this all the time but often times women deal with it on their own."

Publicity surrounding these invasions, says McCormack, should be seen as an opportunity to address violence against women as a united front.

"It shows that violence is a community issue," says McCormack.

"When women, children and men are targeted for violence, we as a community suffer."

While McCormack supports making safe and informed choices about personal safety, she does not want the women of the South End to feel terrorized.

"It's not about living in fear," says McCormack. "It's about being empowered to make good decisions for yourself to minimize the risk of something bad happening."

For Jennifer Chisholm, a third-year political science major, living off campus feels as though the safety of the university bubble has burst.

"It's scary," says Chisholm. "Someone is obviously targeting female university students. There's a false sense of security, I think, around campus."

Jackie Rivers, a third-year psychology and sociology major, who lives in the North End of the city, takes little comfort in her location.

"It doesn't take long to get from the South End to the North End," says Rivers. "If he's not through with his kicks yet there's no reason for him to stay in

the South End."

The news of this intruder has changed the way Rivers views the city.

"I feel like Halifax is becoming more dangerous," she says. "But maybe it's just that I'm becoming more aware of it."

Melinda Robb, a third-year student majoring in contemporary studies and English, says she won't be changing her habits much.

"I'm careful but I'm not paranoid," says Robb. "I try to stay in well lit areas and areas with a lot of people."

For now the investigation into the South End invasions will continue but community police and campus security remind all community members to secure their doors and windows at night to prevent incidents of intrusion from occurring.

Anyone who can identify this individual, or has information about these or similar incidents should contact Halifax Regional Police at 490-5016, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or Dalhousie Security Services at 494-6400.

24-hour study space not in the books

ANDREW ROBINSON
DSU REPORTER

A recommendation for increased student access to 24-hour study space will be included in an upcoming report from the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) to the university's administration within the next month, but the likelihood of increased access remains uncertain.

Several students attending last month's Imagine DSU public forum told the union they wanted more all-night study space.

DSU president Courtney Larkin says council is "still working on putting (the Imagine report) together," but will be presenting it to the school's administration shortly. The report will summarize the points made by students who attended the Imagine forum, and will help Dal in the construction of its new master plan for long-term development.

DSU vice-president (education) Mark Coffin says the DSU has no formal position on 24-hour study spaces and has held no discussions regarding the issue in council.

"I wouldn't say 24-hour study spaces were high on the priorities of things we've heard about at (the Imagine) forum, so it's not something that we're going to push very hard for," he says. "But if we do hear from a lot of students saying that it's something we're really missing, then it's something we'll definitely take action on."

Up until last summer, all students were able to access the Computer Science building overnight. The building now opens at 7 a.m. and closes at midnight.

Dalhousie Student Services and campus security made a joint decision to change this policy, in part because of safety concerns, says the director of student resources.

"What we had was student security officers monitoring the building around the clock, and there were concerns about their safety, being there alone in that role," Sharon Johnson-Legere says.

Larkin attended a meeting last summer with Bonnie Neuman, vice-president of student services, to review the reasons for this change. Beyond the security issue, Larkin says a lack of university funds to pay for overnight security and student's health and well-being were also factored into the university's decision.



JOSH BOYTER/DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

The Computer Science Building now opens at 7 a.m. and closes at midnight.

Computer science students can access the building overnight by using a swipe card system. At her meeting with Neuman, Larkin says she was told computer science dean Michael Shepherd may make swipe cards available to other students who specifically ask to study in the building after hours.

Anne Publicover, administrator to the dean of computer science, says this option is not available to students outside the program.

At Carleton University in Ottawa, students are able to access their library on a 24-hour basis. Former Carleton student and current Dal graduate student Kirsten Van Houten says students take advantage of the option.

"You'd go at 8 a.m. and there'd still be people there," she says.

Katie Wooler, a first-year student at Dal, says students in residence with noisy roommates or neighbours would benefit from having alternatives for late night studying.

"The university should really try to accommodate these students more," she says.

With classes and a part-time job to deal with, fourth-year Dal student Sam Buckley says having somewhere other than home to study at night is important.

"Not everyone stops studying at midnight and I think to have a space on campus that stays open - not nec-

essarily all night, maybe until two or three - I think that'd be really beneficial for students," he says.

Buckley used to study at the Computer Science building and is disappointed he can no longer use it past midnight. He only learned about the changes when he recently arrived there at 11:30 p.m. and was told to leave soon after.

But fifth-year Dal student Nick Aikins says the effects of late night studying on a student's well-being need to be considered before the school thinks about adding more around-the-clock study spaces.

"It encourages kids to pull all-nighters before exams and I don't think that's a healthy or productive thing. I think we should encourage them to go home and sleep," he says.

Christopher Giacomantonio, president of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, says students who want to see 24-hour study spaces happen need to be loud about it.

"If students would like to see that happen, I would suggest they make their voices heard in the ongoing master planning process, by going to the public forums, making their concerns heard to their student representatives, and fundamentally harassing - in the polite sense of the word - the Dalhousie administration to ensure that their needs are not forgotten when Dal's VPs are setting space priorities."

New Halifax MP to tackle education

RUTH MESTECHKIN
NEWS EDITOR

Halifax's new MP Megan Leslie says winning the position wasn't like playing bingo.

"There's no moment where it's really apparent that you've won," says the NDP representative. "You work on the campaign, things sound like they're going well, some polls come in, you work hard on election day. The ballots start coming in, it feels good, the numbers are good."

Leslie says it wasn't until her predecessor, Alexa McDonough, delivered a speech at the Lord Nelson hotel last Tuesday after the votes were counted when it all struck her.

"She started talking about me and how she thinks I'll do a great job as MP, and I was standing in the audience looking at her when it all hit me," laughs Leslie. "That was the closest to the definitive moment that I was looking for, and that's when it sort of hit me and I got really emotional. Because at that moment it was quite overwhelming."

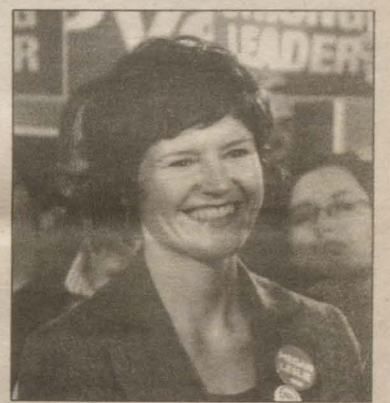
A legal worker at Dalhousie Legal Aid, Leslie says she definitely thought she could win. She says she owes much of this to her participation in community events, saying this is what set her apart from the other Halifax federal candidates.

"Some of our canvassers gave us feedback where they would talk to people and people would say, 'Oh yeah, I know Megan, I did this thing with her, I worked on this project with her, yeah I'm going to vote for Megan,'" she explains. "They were really surprised at how many people had actually worked with me."

This summer, she spoke at a Canadian Public Health Association National Conference, which had a turnout of around 2,000 people. She's worked with the Community Coalition to End Poverty and the Affordable Energy Coalition - an issue next up on her agenda.

She says she'd really like to see Halifax have the kind of investment that Alberta has received in economy in its oil extraction. But she wants Halifax's to be greener: our region has strong wind, waves and tides and Leslie says the government can harness that energy.

"I really see Halifax as being a leader in a green economy if we have the right kind of investment in innovation, investment in research and development," she says. "Honestly, 25 years



BLAKE MACEWAN/GAZETTE FILE PHOTO
Megan Leslie plans to push for a post-secondary education act.

ago people were saying, 'gosh, there is so much oil up in the tar sands, if only we had the technology to get that oil.' People forget that."

Leslie says for regional parity, Halifax should receive investment from the government to harness this energy.

As a graduate of Dal's law program, Leslie knows student needs are still ongoing. That's why she's pushing for a post-secondary education act.

"We need dedicated funding with strings attached," she says. "It needs to be passed. We need to have lower tuition for students. We need to make sure students who historically have been unable to access post-secondary education can access it. And we need to address the fact that there are historically very specific groups who can't make it to post-secondary education."

She plans to represent students by having them inform her.

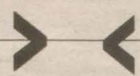
"It's not appropriate for an elected official to move forward and say, 'This is what I think needs to be done on these issues,'" she says. "You need to talk to people who are directly impacted by the issues."

Leslie says this means talking to students, professors and staff at universities and colleges.

She's already met with student lobby groups such as the Canadian Federation of Students. Just like McDonough, Leslie plans to touch base with these groups and be present in the education community.

"Being at convocation, being on campus, is an important thing," she says. "I've worked for Dalhousie for four years, so I know that just being around really matters because you get an opportunity to talk to all kinds of people - students, staff, teachers, everybody."

NEWS BITES



CANADIAN CAMPUS SHORTS:

U of T student deported

Third-year University of Toronto student Saad Alam was deported with his family to his native Bangladesh early this month, reported *The Charlatan*.

This is part of the federal government's effort to sharpen deportation laws and find those who have squeezed through the system.

When Alam's family arrived to

Canada more than a decade ago, it was denied refugee status and its appeals were refused, but the federal government never initially issued a deportation notice, and Alam's family settled in Mississauga, Ont.

No One is Illegal, a human rights advocacy group, fought to keep Alam and his family in Canada, but lost the battle.

Source: *The Charlatan*

Strike over at Brandon University

After 16 days of faculty striking, students and faculty returned to Manitoba's Brandon University following an agreement signed on the afternoon of Oct. 15, reported *The Quill*.

Classes started up again on Oct. 17.

The agreement hasn't yet officially been ratified by the Fac-

ulty Association or the university's board of governors. It was settled on hours before a scheduled open house began, so that students and parents could discuss their issues relating to the strike.

Wayne Bowman, the strike action committee chairman, said the parties still need to make more progress.

Source: *The Quill*

NATIONAL HEADLINES:

N.S. nixes minimum drink costs

In spite of a provincial government committee proposal to have bars stop offering \$1 per shot drink specials, the province still won't set a minimum drink price for Nova Scotia's bars.

The government was concerned about the risks associated with low drink prices, largely stemming from brawls outside The Dome last winter, reported *CBC*.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke said N.S. will provide funding for four more police officers for the Halifax night shift, and added he will hire more inspectors to enforce liquor regulations.

But Frank Beazley, Halifax Police Chief, said a minimum drink price could make officers' jobs easier, adding young people sometimes get so intoxicated they're "out of control."

Source: *CBC*

Police investigating B.C. pipeline bombings

The RCMP is currently looking into two gas pipeline bombings near Dawson Creek, B.C.

The explosion didn't cause the first pipeline to rupture, but the second explosion caused a leak.

CTV reported the motivation for the attacks were unclear, but police said the attacks could be linked to a letter local media

received beforehand. The letter called oil and gas companies "terrorists," adding they are "endangering our families."

John Thompson, president of the Mackenzie Institute for the Study of Terrorism, said it's likely the bombings were done by one or two individuals, and not a larger organized group.

Source: *CTV*

\$1 billion plan for Ontario docs

The Ontario Medical Association has just inked a \$1 billion deal with the province of Ontario that promises physicians a 12.25 per cent salary increase over the period of the contract, reported *CTV*.

The new contract also includes \$240 million in funding for new programs and \$100 million for one-time incentive funds. It

spans retroactively from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2012.

Seventy-nine per cent of the association members voted for the contract. The association has not had a contract since March.

Health Minister David Caplan said the contract is a fair deal for Ontario physicians and taxpayers.

Source: *CTV*

Former Olympic committee head accused of racist comment

Dick Pound, a former vice-president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has been accused by aboriginal rights group LandInSights of making a racist comment, reported *CBC*.

Pound, who is currently chancellor of McGill University, called 17th century Canada "a land of savages" in an interview with Montreal newspaper *La Presse* in

August.

Andre Dudemaine, who is director of the Quebec-based aboriginal rights group, called Pound's comment discriminatory. The group had filed a complaint to the IOC's ethics committee.

Pound said his use of the word "savages" was a historical allusion, but also said he should have chosen his words more cautiously.

Source: *CBC*

Medical Musings

Get out of the food rut



RACHEL SUNTER
HEALTH COLUMNIST

Blue light gazes down from the little window in my basement room. Tangled in my duvet, I am a winter bear to soon be awoken. As I reach for the radio-off button – snoozers are for losers – I stop myself and realize it's only October. Christmas break is miles away, and I've got things to do.

When cooling air ushers us into thick blankets, getting up to step with warm, bare feet onto cold floors is daily torture. But school and jobs plough along, indifferent to our plight.

Keeping our energy up all day can be a serious challenge. But my recent brush with local Chinese doctors informed me of one energy pitfall that may be trapping many students.

According to Chinese medicine, eating the same foods every day is bad for you, even when these foods are considered nutritious.

Traditional Chinese doctors propose that your body develops "allergies" to any food you consume too regularly.

These Eastern allergies differ from Western allergies: they are a gradual intolerance to foods due to routine consumption. This intolerance develops when your body becomes depleted of the needed chemicals to efficiently process certain foods, because they haven't had time to be replenished before the next similar consumption.

The solution is simple: vary your diet. Try alternating with other favourite meals, to minimize repeated consumption to twice or three times a week, instead of every day.

After coming across this supposedly common Eastern concept, I realized I'd been eating a half grapefruit, two eggs and whole wheat toast for breakfast for six months straight.

I know we're creatures of habit, but I was amazed I'd succeeded in such stoic routine for that long.

Since coming to university and examining my own kitchen, I've found all the food shortcuts to economize space and grocery bills. Broccoli can be steamed as a side, thrown into stir fry, or kept raw for veggies and dip. Yogurt can be a snack, dessert, or valuable smoothie ingredient. Whole-wheat pitas are my pizza crusts, sandwich wraps and hummus-dipping snacks.

Despite the nutritional benefits of the foods I was eating, the fact that I was eating them every day dramatically lessened my body's ability to absorb these very nutrients. I also developed long-standing deficiencies

of the few nutrients I never consume. So I set out to try different foods.

To the economical student this can be daunting: three different breakfasts, lunches and dinners in the fridge all the time? But it's actually much easier than it sounds.

Instead of sorting by alternate meals, you might find it easier to shop by food group to ensure a variety of meals. Remember: bread, crackers and pitas are often all wheat. So try varying the grain: there's rice, soy flour, couscous and quinoa.

For fruits and vegetables, pick a couple you love and then a new one each week. Keeping your favourite foods to two or three meals a week should minimize intolerances.

You don't need three kinds of meat for your protein. Tofu, canned beans, eggs and lentils are tasty and versatile alternatives.

And don't forget to make it fun. Think of this as a new excuse to try all kinds of new meals at home and in restaurants. Not only did I find immediate energy boosts throughout the day, but I'm sensually spoiled by new flavours every week.

In this era of sometimes obscene decadence, I can say I'm fortunate enough to take advantage of all foods. My new breakfasts are one more reason to get my tired body out of bed in the morning.

E-mail Rachel your health questions at vega_of_the_lyra@hotmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS BY THE NUMBERS:

2011: proposed year Iraq wants U.S. forces to leave the country.

\$150 million USD: how much Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama raised in September.

9: number of Chinese oil workers abducted in Sudan.

6.3 per cent: construction of new homes and apartments decreased in the U.S. housing sector in September, reported the U.S. Commerce Department.

4: number of days of power-sharing talks between Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, which led to no resolution.

\$175 million USD: approximately how much Burma has banked in its most recent government-sponsored sale of gems such as pearls and jade.

Sources: *BBC, CTV, BBC, CBC, Toronto Star, CBC*

Teach English in Japan

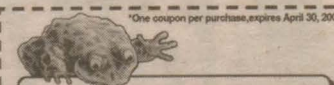
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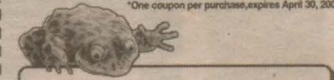


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Statistically significant

JOHN HILLMAN
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

In what was arguably the best scripted sound bite of the final U.S. presidential debate on Oct. 15, Republican John McCain informed Democrat Barack Obama that if he wanted to run against George W. Bush, he was four years too late. Obama, remaining as unflappable as always, countered that McCain might as well have been Bush, given that he voted with the president 90 per cent of the time. Amongst the innumerable hosts of distorted statistics and misleading associations spouted off by both campaigns on a regular basis, this is undoubtedly the most important and influential, becoming something of a "flip-flop"-esque mantra for the hordes of Obama acolytes determined to reduce their opponent to an easily dismissible stickman.

The 90 per cent statistic has been the cornerstone of the Obama campaign's efforts to pin McCain to the highly unpopular Bush administration. In a year in which any Democratic candidate with a heartbeat and no undisclosed sexual misconduct could have defeated anyone remotely connected to the Bush administration, the Grand Old Party had the good sense to abandon ideological purity, put aside past grudges, and get behind the one man who actually had a fighting chance. Given McCain's history as a relatively centrist politician and a favourite of independent voters, the Obama campaign has been forced to get a little creative in its efforts to dampen the appeal of the Arizona senator's rebellious reputation.

The 90 per cent statistic came from Congressional Quarterly, Inc. and reflects the percentage of time McCain voted with the Republican Party in the senate in 2007. It is a figure with questionable interpretive value, cherry-picked from a year in which McCain was locked in a bitter struggle for the Republican nomination and was facing a barrage of charges that he was too liberal to lead the party. McCain has scored as low as 67 per cent in the same category in previous years during the Bush administration, a number consistent with the fact that many Democrats wanted to lure him in as John Kerry's vice presidential running mate in 2004.

The statistic also fails to consider the nature of the votes being

counted. Given that Obama voted in agreement with the Republicans 40 per cent of the time during the same period and that this is by no means unusual for a Democrat, a large number of the votes included within Congressional Quarterly, Inc.'s statistics were apparently merely procedural.

Using the same statistics provided by Congressional Quarterly, Inc., one could point out that Obama voted 97 per cent of the time with his own party in the Democrat-controlled senate, which has even lower approval ratings than President Bush. Given that the non-partisan *National Journal* ranked him the most liberal sitting senator last year, these statistics seem to undermine Obama's claims that he is the candidate best qualified to work across the aisle to find solutions that are amenable to all Americans. With these partisan, hard liberal statistics floating around, is it reasonable to worry that Obama might be a Bolshevik radical secretly scheming to overthrow the capitalist system? Probably not.

Within the subset of votes where the parties disagreed, it is also unclear what percentage of these dealt with controversial Bush-endorsed policies. McCain, especially during the first six years of the Bush administration when the Republicans controlled the Houses of Congress, made a habit of annoying the Republican Party leadership by breaking ranks on key votes. His defections from the party line on crucial issues accounted for three of the seven tie-breaking votes that Vice President Dick Cheney was forced to cast during this period. McCain had the guts to cut short Cheney's vacation time. The man is so committed to voting his conscience that he's willing to risk a faceful of birdshot.

Rather than judging the candidates on misleading talking points and precisely manipulated data, perhaps it would be for the best if everyone concerned actually read over the relevant records and individually decided which candidate best reflected the values and qualifications that they are looking for in a president. A naive hope, I know, but if I have to endure to any more meaningless statistical information about "McBush" or "Nobama," there's a 99 per cent chance that I will lose 100 per cent of my faith in the democratic process.

Snake in the grass

Dal loses its only 24-hour building

NICK KHATTAR
SPORTS EDITOR

I was sitting in the Computer Science building, lulling myself into the all-nighter groove, when suddenly a grumpy security guard broke my concentration.

"The building is closing in five minutes," he said.

"What? There must be some mistake," I said, startled. "This building is open 24 hours."

"Not since three months ago," he replied.

"Are you sure?" I asked, "because I was here last week until 10 a.m."

"Well you shouldn't have been, and if you're caught here after hours again you will have your building privileges revoked," he said.

By then I was almost breaking a sweat.

"When were the students notified of this? Who made that decision? What reasons do they have?"

"It was the administration, and they have numerous reasons," the guard gritted through his teeth.

I later found out that by "administration" he'd meant Jeff Lamb, assistant vice-president of Dalhousie Facilities Management.

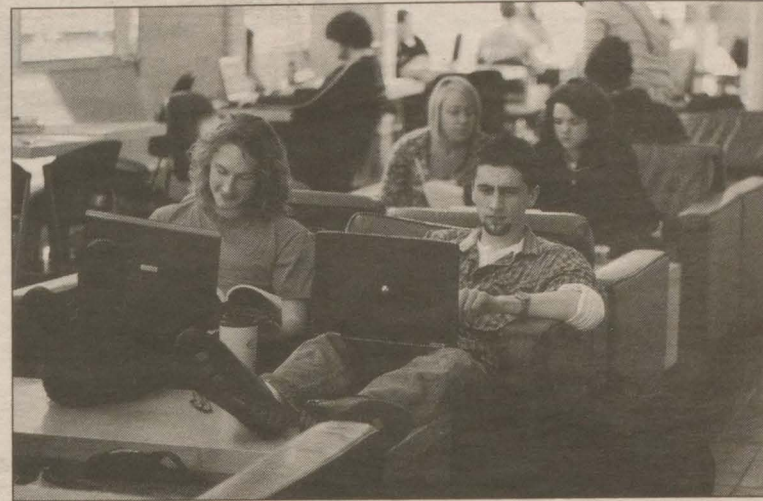
In a wonderful display of paper thin, puppet journalism, *Dalnews* reported that Lamb said "usage was not especially heavy outside of exam time."

The *Dalnews* article was published on May 21, when most students were gone for the summer. Is that around the same time Lamb gathered those usage statistics?

The article also says only two or three students took advantage of the late hours each night and those numbers weren't enough to justify an overnight attendant, plus the university doesn't want to encourage all-night study sessions from a "student wellness perspective."

I'm sorry, I didn't realize the university had all of sudden taken such an interest in our study habits. I also wasn't under the impression it was the school's business or right to dictate how or when we study. Shouldn't a university encourage its students to study? Isn't that sort of the whole point?

Now Dal, the biggest university in the Maritimes, no longer has a 24-hour building. After I contacted 10



JOSH BOYTER/DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

Where are students going to study when their belligerent roommates are doing keg stands in the living room?

major universities across the country, I discovered ours is one of the only schools without facilities open 24 hours, and other schools that don't currently have 24-hour study spaces are taking steps to create them for their students. The University of British Columbia is spending \$84 million on its project.

Jeremy Ring, vice president of finance and operations at the University of Saskatchewan, laughed at Dal's situation, and called Lamb's reasoning "a pretty poor excuse." He went on to say that "even if one student was benefiting from 24 hour operation, that should be enough."

So where the fuck are students supposed to go to study when their belligerent roommates are doing keg stands in the living room?

And what will happen when exam time rolls around? Maybe if Dal did a real consultation with students, the administration would have heard the ongoing complaints we have about the lack of study space at our school.

This is our school. Why the hell do we pay one of the highest tuitions in the country to get resources taken away from us?

The administrators responsible for this early closing decision have stolen from students - like a snake in the grass, behind our backs, without our consent or even our feelings toward the decision - and removed a resource from us.

This administrative move directly lowers the quality of student life at

Dal and now the rest of the country is laughing at us. And what about the "student voice", our esteemed Dal Student Union executive? They really dropped the ball on this one.

We need to do something before the administration decides we don't need we a library anymore, or public washrooms.

If you feel the same, call and e-mail Dal President Tom Traves asking him why you aren't allowed to study on campus all night anymore.

Stand in front of DSU president Courtney Larkin's office with a megaphone making bad freestyle raps asking her to do something.

Follow Lamb around for days screaming for his resignation or shooting spitballs at the back of his neck.

Chain yourself to a desk in the Computer Science building, with your upper level physics textbook crammed in your face.

Demand answers, and demand change. Write letters to the DSU, to the administration, to this publication or to Santa Claus for all I care, but don't stand back if this bothers you even the slightest bit.

If they tried to pull this shit in France some cars would be getting burned. Maybe it's time we threw a stone or two ourselves and sent a message not just to Lamb, or Traves, but to the entire country that we, the students, refuse to tolerate poorly justified injustices any longer.

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Student union keeps food contract under wraps

GREGORY DEBOGORSKI
OPINIONS CONTRIBUTOR

The food services in the Student Union Building have been sub-contracted since I first came to Dalhousie. Every year I have asked Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executives why they do not consider other options. Why, for example, aren't students given the option to run their own food services? I brought the issue up at a council meeting in September and got the general feeling that the DSU executives believe students lack the capacity to run their own food services. According to DSU president Courtney Larkin, all information regarding the exact figures in the deal between the union and food service provider Sodexo is confidential, and almost all the important financial information regarding the contract is kept secret. The DSU council can only speak about it in-camera and students who aren't on council are not privy to this information. When I asked Matthew Golding, the DSU vice president (finance) about it, he said that the Sodexo contract is a good deal: the union receives royalties. He then gave me a copy of this year's annual report financial statement. I have raised the issue with other members of council in prior years and received the same sidestepping.

How are students supposed to know if we could manage our food services more efficiently if we don't know how our food services are run now? There is a difference between



JOSH BOYTER/DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

If students ran Dal's food services, we might have lower prices, more student jobs and better food.

economic profit for the union and financial/accounting profit for Sodexo. Positive economic externalities such as better-paying student employment, lower prices, better quality food, greater input in the breadth of our selection and work experience could all be factors if students were allowed to manage our own food services.

It frustrates me to no end to hear people say that a company trying to

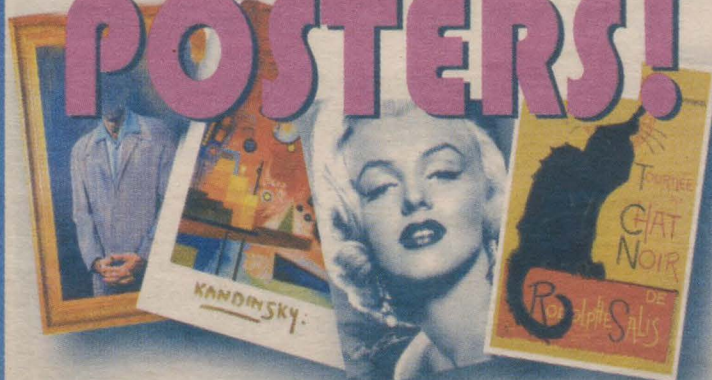
maximize profit can do more for the union's food services than students can. We have a whole campus full of intelligent specialists in the management faculty that are already over-qualified for the business side of food services. We also have a faculty of future economists who would probably like to earn some extra coin analyzing the efficiency of the union's food and beverage industry - prompt criticism

of it would likely follow. By transferring the economic surplus of Sodexo's profits into wages for the students working for the union, we can create greater benefits for union members. Finally, any remaining economic surplus remaining at the end of the year would be transferred to the student union's coffers. Maybe we could decrease DSU membership fees.

Here are some questions to ask.

Could we operate the DSU's food and beverage services more efficiently than they operate now? Do students want a greater say in their food selection at the Student Union Building (SUB)? Do students need better on-campus jobs? If you think the answers to any of these questions is "yes," you should contact our executives and start demanding more information as to why food services at the SUB are the way they are.

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How do you find out if your crush is single?



“You mean besides kissing them and seeing if they slap you in the face?”
Jackie Rivers, third-year psychology



“You ask them... or stalk them.”
Josh Viner, fourth-year political science



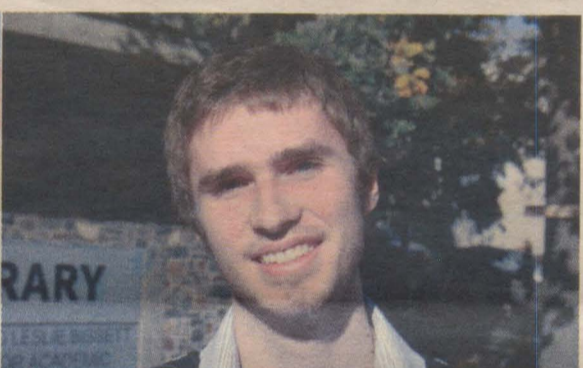
“I listen and observe.”
Jacob Garcia, second-year anthropology



“Ask them if they'd like to get a combo meal with you.”
Dennis Henzler, first-year economics



“Be her friend and she'll tell you.”
Elias Mebrate, fourth-year management



“You've got to allude to the question spontaneously and discreetly.”
Stephan MacClean, third-year biology



“Make out with him and see if anyone gets angry.”
Keva Legould and Alex Vanderpol, second-year management



“I always just ask her the next morning.”
Nick Khattar, third-year deal-sealing

HOT OR NOT

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| HOT: Getting excused from a midterm | NOT: Forging a death certificate |
| HOT: Catholic schoolgirl fantasy | NOT: Catholic schoolgirl reality |
| HOT: Bottling your own beer | NOT: Bottling your own urine |
| HOT: A weekend in bed | NOT: An ethanol-induced coma |
| HOT: Guys' night | NOT: Sausage fest |
| HOT: No means no | NOT: No means now |
| HOT: Free food | NOT: Garbage digging |
| HOT: French kissing | NOT: Romanian handjobs |
| HOT: Cheap drinks | NOT: Washer fluid |
| HOT: Menstrual cups | NOT: Mystery tomato juice |

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OVERHEARD AT DAL

In Shirreff Hall cafeteria:

Girl: “No. I didn't make out with him. I just showed him my boobs.”

Girl talking to guy outside Killam:

Girl: “It's just common sense. When you have a girlfriend you don't ask another girl out.”

Written on a desk in the Dunn Building:

“Good thing I'm good at Engenering ... Enginere ... Engeene ... Good at math.”

Professor in third-year political science class:

“So, do any of you have digital herpes?”

Girl 1: This is a used textbook! There is highlighting everywhere!

Girl 2: Oh no!

Girl 1: Sick! I don't have to read anything!

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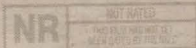
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When you need a glove, give Artfully Prepared some love

HILARY BEAUMONT
ARTS EDITOR

No glove, no love. Melina Giannelia and Julie Matheson are helping students stay true to that safe sex strategy. All night, every night, the two King's students are offering a condom delivery service with a creative twist called Artfully Prepared.

"There's no shame in safe sex," Matheson says. "It should be just perfectly fun and natural, and art makes that even better. I mean what two things could go better together than crafts and safe sex?"

Artfully Prepared embraces that philosophy and promises that couples eager to copulate will benefit from more than just condoms. They'll also get handmade bookmarks or postcards featuring puns and witty slogans. Or, for extra coin, they'll get a felt "condom cozy", "tampon tote" or "pill pocket" made by fellow King's student, Charlotte D'Arcy.

Requested passion packages will arrive by bike in 15 minutes. That's as fast as the pair can legitimately guarantee a delivery.

"It's a significant period of time when you're in the moment, as it were," Giannelia says. "But still a 15 minute delivery time is much better than the amount of time it would take anyone to walk to a store - even if it was open."

It might seem like eternity, she says, but there's no reason people can't have fun while they wait.

"We're thinking of just giving ideas of what you can do while you wait," she says. "You know, making out. Or, like, talking about books you've read." She laughs, "Maybe exchanging music."

The pair's entrepreneurial light bulbs first lit up at the end of the summer when the 24-hour Shoppers Drug Mart on Spring Garden began closing at midnight.

"We both kind of had the shock of 'where are people going to buy condoms after midnight?'" Giannelia says. "It seemed like it was going to be a big problem."

Pharmacies, corner stores, supermarkets, family planning centres and even Dalhousie Health Services all close by 12 a.m. Earlier on weekends.

That means intoxicated students who venture downtown aren't just lowering their standards for a sexual partner - they're also more likely to lower their standards for using protection.

"I've been hearing a lot about drop offs in safe sex all around,"



PAUL BALITE/DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

STIs are on the rise, but Artfully Prepared has you covered.

Giannelia says. "We think that it's important to have access to condoms."

According to Health Canada, rates of sexually transmitted infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis are rising. That's because sexually active individuals aren't using protection consistently. Health Canada recommends condoms as a contraceptive - they work 98 per cent of the time when used perfectly and 85 per cent of the time with typical use.

So far, though, the condom delivery service hasn't been too busy. The artistic scheme garnered a bit of popularity through word of mouth, but that isn't translating into business. The Artfully Prepared entrepreneurs have only had one customer.

"A lot of people have been talking about it, which is really good," Matheson says. "Everyone's been telling all their friends. The problem is we're just trying to get people calling and thinking about it in that moment."

If that moment ever comes. "A comment that we were getting a lot from people when we would tell them about Artfully Prepared would be, 'well I'm not getting laid,'" Giannelia says. "And it was amazing how many people I would talk to who would just say 'well, I'm not getting any.'"

Matheson agrees. "It's like 90 per cent of the people who talk to us," she says. "And they just volunteer that information. Like, that's too bad. So maybe that's the problem we need to solve first."

It hasn't been the only problem.

The duo has already had several setbacks with the budding business. They planned a launch party at the Wardroom, but were forced to re-schedule at the last minute. The party still went on, but only a handful of people showed up because of the confusion.

Then someone stole Matheson's bike, the key delivery component.

"If anybody wants to return my bike, that would be OK," she says sarcastically, then laughs. "I hope they don't have any safe-sex related emergencies."

Despite setbacks, the Artfully Prepared ladies are optimistic.

"For now it's just kind of a waiting game," Matheson says. "We'll wait until somebody calls, and we'll pick up the phone and cheerfully respond, and probably show up at their door in five minutes we'll be so excited."

While they sit back and wait for more calls, Matheson and Giannelia are already expanding their business plan. They're working with Venus Envy and hope to widen their condom selection through the downtown sex shop. If there's more demand they'll be looking for other creative kids to make crafts or deliveries.

"We're here and we've got you covered," Giannelia says. "Because life is full of beautiful surprises."

Call 237-SAFE between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. if you live between Quin-pool Road and South Street or Oxford Street to Robie Street. Artfully Prepared charges \$10 to \$15 per order.



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Spiral Beach's pop culture, art punk and glam meet the Pop Explosion.

Loony tunes of Spiral Beach

Introducing the must-see band of this year's Halifax Pop Explosion

MATT RITCHIE
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

The members of Spiral Beach are busy. So busy drummer and chief lyricist Daniel Woodhead isn't aware of the other bands he'll be playing with at the Halifax Pop Explosion later this month.

"GZA is playing? Holy shit!" he remarks from his home in Toronto. After two years of shows with the likes of The Go! Team and playing live on MTV, Spiral Beach also released a new album, *Ball*, as well as the brand new re-release with accompanying EP.

In between, the band recorded some demos for its new album, had all night multimedia festivals and participated in some major busking around downtown Toronto.

Spiral Beach's busy existence gives Halifax residents even more reason to see the band Oct. 23 when it opens for Two Hours Traffic at St. Matthews United Church.

"I stage-dived during a Hidden Camera's show last time we played in Halifax," drummer Woodhead tells me.

He comments on how much East Coast audiences have responded to the band members' brand of infectious art pop every time they play here. He says Halifax crowds are "just waiting for the fuse to be lit... like an explosive!"

If you've never been to a Spiral Beach show, imagine if Animal Collective, Syd Barrett and The Black Lips were melded into one band with a love of Bollywood music and stage theatrics reminiscent of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

That doesn't even begin to de-

scribe the explosive performances of Spiral Beach's Maddy Wilde (vocals, guitar, keyboard), Dorian Wolf (bass), Airick Woodhead (vocals, guitar) and brother Daniel Woodhead (sons of Canadian folk artist David Woodhead).

The band crafts rock music that combines the power of art punk with glam and any other fun elements the musicians can find. Spiral Beach is basically like the B-52s, if the B 52s were super fantastic and not overrated.

Over the past few years, cartoonish stage props have been trademarks for the band. Spiral Beach's stage resembles a Salvador Dali meets Andy Warhol painting. The band interacts with this environment to create what Daniel describes as a "pretty surreal" experience.

All of this couldn't exist without their tour manager/set designer Ryan Tonkin. "He's a meticulous mad scientist," Daniel explains about Tonkin's work "playing with plastic, paint and Styrofoam until it becomes the perfect visual counterpart to the music."

Between recording, organizing parties and working on set designs with Tonkin they barely have time to get away from Ontario to play a show out east. But even though they have played some of their biggest shows to date, including one at this year's Virgin Music Festival, the band isn't nervous and hopes every new show as being better than the last.

"We don't ever really get nervous before going on stage," Woodhead says. "We love to play in interesting locations and renowned places, whether it's theatres, swimming pools or at St. Matthews Church. I think the show is gonna be a blast!"



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LAURA DAWE
ARTS BEAT REPORTER

The crowd is like magnetic filings. People are scattered throughout the Marquee during DJ Gordski's set, swirling like they do, forming mating patterns like frost on a window, dancing but directionless. Then, at once, the air is cut open by a simple magnetic beat. Heads turn to the stage.

Cadence Weapon stands at the front under a spotlight. Like a pied piper, he sings mmmmbop. Mmmmbop. Mmmmbop. By the fourth mmmmbop the crowd is tight around him. The beat breaks open like a storm. Rap kids and indie rock kids are a jumping, fist pumping, unified mass of blown-away. Beaming skaters in ballcaps turn to one another yelling "wow." A smile is suppressed by the rapper's iron mask of performance. By now, you think he would be used to it.

Cadence Weapon is a project of Roland Theodore Pemberton the third. People call him Rollie. People call him Lando.

Pemberton has accomplished more at 23 than many do in an entire career. And he's just getting started.

He wrote most of his first album, *Breaking Kayfabe*, when he was 16. He released the album at 19 to enormous critical acclaim and a nomination for

the \$20,000 Polaris prize. He lost to fellow prodigy and recent tourmate Final Fantasy.

"He won, but it's not like I lost," says Pemberton. "That's what people tell me to say."

But Pemberton really can't lose. He's four days away from ending the lengthy tour of his sophomore record, *Afterparty Babies*. He played a bunch of festivals in Europe, strings of shows in the U.S. and a Canadian tour with Buck 65 and Woodhands.

Afterparty Babies was also nominated for the Polaris.

To transcribe an interview with Pemberton is to take a walk through his mind, even if one ignores what he's saying. He plays songs off his iPod while he answers questions. Proto-disco, no-wave, lots of electronic, post-punk, and Neil Young take turns vying for affection. Every song has a story when one listens to it with him. This one is about Eric Clapton's obsession with chocolate. This one is a fuck you to Maharaji. When Pemberton loves a song, he says, he has to find out everything about it. He loves a lot of songs. When asked how much new music he acquires in a week, Pemberton can't even count it up.

While in Halifax, Pemberton got the Lou Reed lyric "who has touched and who has dabbled/Here in the city of shows?" stick-n-poke tattooed on

his arm. He has been on tour for the majority of the past three years, more than touching or dabbling in the city of shows. He's ready to go home to Edmonton.

Touring is Pemberton's bride, but he says the only thing that could get him to go back on the road before his new record is done is if David Bowie himself showed up and begged Cadence Weapon to open for him.

Pemberton will record his new album with a live band with which he will later tour. He is brimming with ideas and says that the sound "will largely be disconnected from what I've done so far."

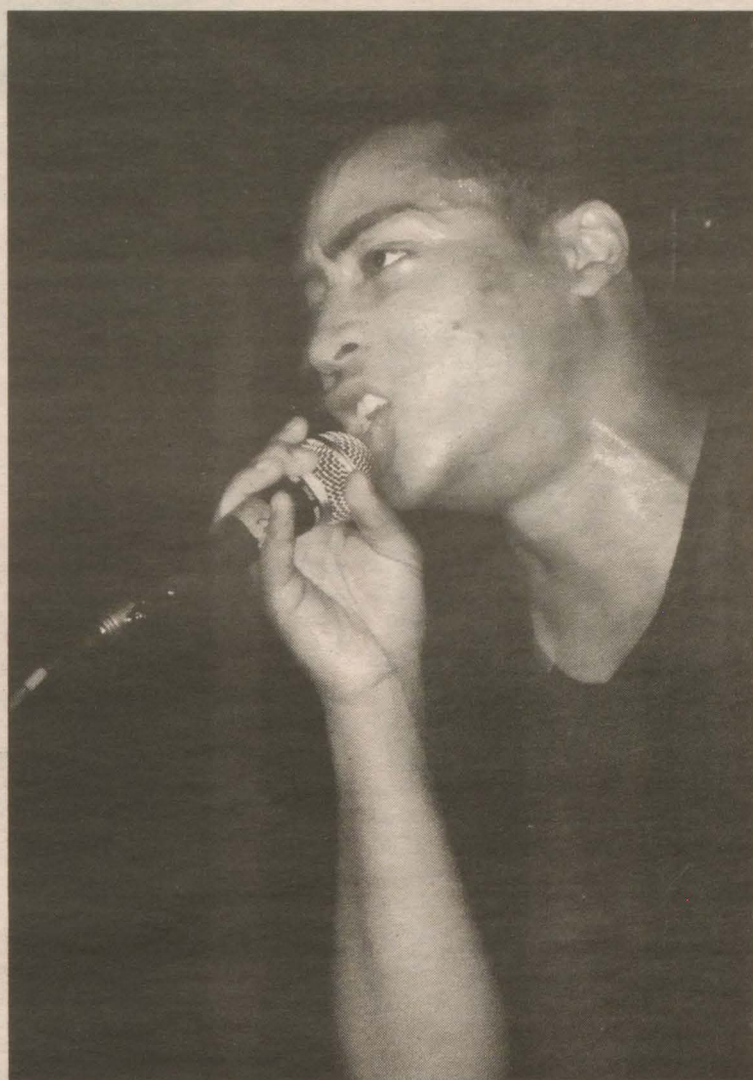
It is going to be a no-wave album.

Pemberton is obsessed with communicating with broad audiences.

"I'd like to make a song that's really popular on the radio and not to like make money or for it to be a hit song or anything," he says. "But just to have a song that affected people and everybody."

He likens his goal in musicmaking to an iconic piece of art, where everyone who sees it "just goes unnngh."

Judging by the elated, sweaty faces of his bouncing fans, their hair blown back by the bass so loud it vibrates ribcages, chanting his backups, screaming louder for him when the lights suddenly go out and won't come back on, he'll probably reach that goal.



LAURA DAWE/DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

Roland Pemberton has accomplished more at 23 than many do in an entire career.



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Bad Flirt recommends you bring ear plugs and a flashlight to their show at the Pop Explosion.

Spontaneous flirts Bad Flirt conquers tour boredom with fresh ideas

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ARTS EDITOR

In the van on the long road to Halifax, the Bad Flirt band members chug coffee and surf the web. When in proximity to a Tim Hortons, their estimated caffeine consumption is about 253,582,358 cups. Boredom is a tough feeling to endure in such a small space.

"We're not the type of band that gets trashed and nails groupies," lead singer and band founder Jasmine White-Gluz says. "We're the type that researches Old English."

It's their new fixation while on the road. "Verily" can spruce up a dry sentence, and the suffix "ith" makes any word more glamorous.

Bad Flirt is on tour promoting its new album, *Virgin Talk*. The band is set to make a scene in Hell's Kitchen at the Pop Explosion on Saturday.

Their new album was "a labour of love," says White-Gluz.

"It was also a collaborative process," she says. "Everyone wrote on this album, whereas on previous albums it was just me."

They tested every song on the album live before they hit the studio, so don't be surprised if the songs sound better on stage than on the album.

White-Gluz says the title *Virgin Talk* is about innocence and youth. "People think it's a sexual thing,"

she says. "But it totally isn't!"

The album also unintentionally shares its name with a Virgin Mobile cell phone plan.

The band might sound geeky, but members promise to be wacky and loud on stage. During tedious travelling, the Flirts dream up new ideas the morning after a show and try them out the next night. In the past, White-Gluz admits they've been low-key, but she promises a "way heavier show" compared to their last appearance at the Khyber three years ago.

"Bring earplugs to the show and you'll be all set," she says. "And a flashlight."

Bad Flirt fans know the band for its spontaneous shows and bizarre statements, the most recent of which is the claim they will be the first band to play in space.

White-Gluz says the band is playing outside of Canada, but space fans are a new frontier.

"We want to expand our horizons," she says. "We're aiming high - really, really, really high. We'll conquer Canada first, then the galaxy."

The band recently played in Texas, and the lead singer says there's been talk about the space program. But if they do somehow manage to play in space, she says she's not going - she's afraid of heights.

"Keep your eyes on the stars," White-Gluz says. "You never know."

Night for the living dead

Punk Fest revives underground talent

SEAMUS BUTLER
ARTS CONTRIBUTOR

Last weekend punk came back from the dead for the East Coast Punk Fest, a two-day all ages event at the Pavilion.

"We wanted to cover all styles of punk rock," says Earl Jourdry, festival promoter.

The festival offered up a musical serving from every corner of the scene with classic punk, hardcore, screamo, metalcore, trash rock, power pop punk and so many other styles and hybrids of the genre.

The first night of the festival opened like a high school dance, with the few early attendees sticking to the walls like magnets. The interesting diversity of the music prevailed, however, and the night was a success with a more than projected attendance. The first day of the fest sold about 115 tickets and day sold more like 200.

Though Total Bastards and Nothing to No One's offerings to the inaugural night of the festival were shaky at best, The Pinheads were able to revive the energy with a strong set.

Pinheads guitarist Jeff Powers says the city's punk scene is bound to fluctuate.

"Halifax is up and down. We'll go through months where you think the shows/scene in general couldn't get any better, and then weeks later every good band in the city breaks up," says Powers.

The festival swung into full force on day two, with Gone Drinkin and Contagium kicking the crowd into high gear until nobody stood still.

Up next, Slave Class was able to satisfy the audience with bite-sized 12-second songs that packed punches. Raised fists and verbatim

call were standard responses from the screaming mob. Slave Class ripped the night apart showcasing the heavy style of screamo.

The Adhesives, from Moncton, N.B., brought the goods with high energy. Shaking his head in exhaustion the lead singer of The Adhesives took a breath before stealing the show with a mix of gruff Jorge Herrera-esque timbre backed by solid Sex Pistol style guitar riffs. Not only was their song composition clever, but they excelled in their performance. The Adhesives finished their set as one of the strongest bands of the entire festival.

Frontman Adrian Broombling did his best Henry Rollins impersonation on stage with Black Flag Cover Band. Studded leather jackets surrounded Broombling as he sang Black Flags 1978 release 'Fix Me'. With a noose of microphone cord around his neck he forged into the crowd to sing 'the classic Black Flag tune 'Revenge' bringing together the already thirsty crowd.

"I've never been comfortable headlining a show," says Broombling. "When you're playing somebody else's music it's a lot different from playing your own music."

From the epic performance the Black Flags Cover band brought to the Pavilion, it would seem that the glory of the night was theirs. But the band headlining the festival had more to do with function than anything else according to Broombling.

"Us being at the end is just getting every kid to see every band playing," he says. "I want every kid to see every punk band in the city."

Overall, the festival was a success despite the modest start. As the lead guitarist for The Adhesives, Tyrone Bonair, says "It's way cooler to show up later," anyway.

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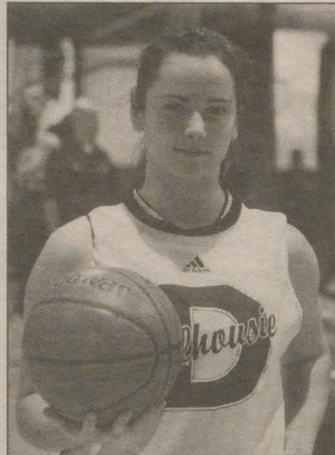
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JOCK TALK:

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Athlete:
Kelly Donald: Captain of varsity women's basketball



Kelly is a born again Dalhousie student with a vengeance. After graduating in 2007 with a major in "Basketballology" and Minor in "Keepin' It Real", the 23-year-old New Brunswick native and longtime Tigers front lady fled the country in search of the true meaning of "ballin' out of control". Now, a year later, armed with her newfound knowledge, Kelly is back at Dal to totally dominate the b-ball world.

Gazette: You're known around the court as Kelly D. Does the D stand for Dominatrix?
Donald: Yes it does.

Gazette: Is it true that instead of "captain" you insist your team refers to you as "master"?
Donald: That depends on who you're talking to.

Gazette: Are you more vocal on the court or in the shower?
Donald: Definitely in the shower, but only when I'm singing my "go to" songs.

Gazette: When was the last time you shaved a rookies' head, covered her in honey and made her spend the day at the Halifax dump?
Donald: I'm not allowed to say.

Gazette: Rumor has it you were never a rookie. Like *The Littlest Hobo*, you just sort of appeared as captain?
Donald: That is what they say.

Gazette: When are you and Chuck Norris going to play your much-anticipated game of one on one street ball to the death, and what will your strategy be?
Donald: This weekend, and "taking it to the hole."

Gazette: If given the opportunity, who would you rather "D" up on, Mahatma Gandhi, India's former non-violent leader, or actress Angelina Jolie? Why?
Donald: Definitely Angelina, 'cause she's hot.

Gazette: Do you think you would be too mesmerized by Angelina's brea...th taking eyes to shut her down?
Donald: What?

Gazette: What are you more into, dunking or Dunkin Donuts?
Donald: I recently made a bet, (about) dunking, if I could, and it was a nine-foot net.

Gazette: When you finish an exam, or score a hot dude's number, do you stand up and motion like you just drained a three-pointer?
Donald: Yes, every time!

Gazette: What are you more likely to win this year, a hotdog-eating contest, or "Hot Dawger of the Year"?
Donald: "Hot Dawger of the Year", definitely.

Gazette: Do you get more triple doubles on the court or after the bar?
Donald: Is it a Sunday night?

Gazette: What's worse, *The Basketball Diaries*, or basketball with diarrhea?
Donald: Umm, no comment.

Gazette: How "free" exactly is a free throw?
Donald: If you don't air ball it, it's fantastic!

Gazette: How "free" exactly are you?
Donald: 100 per cent, every night!

Rugby team clinches undefeated season

JOEL TICHINOFF
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

The Dalhousie men's rugby team finished its second undefeated season earlier this month with minimal funding and coaching.

On Oct. 4, the Dal men's Division 1 team put on a clinic in front of packed bleachers full of fans at Wanderer's Field. The team beat visiting UPEI Panthers 34-9, completing the Tigers' second consecutive undefeated season.

By halftime Dal was ahead 19-0. Team captain Paul Forrest scored two tries and fullbacks Teddy Moore and Ellis Grey earned a try each, with Grey also converting two kicks in the first 45 minutes of play. Dal's lead was extended early in the second half when Rob Greenop scored Dal's fifth unanswered try of the match.

The Panthers fought frantically in the second half to get on the score sheet, putting Dal on the defensive. A miscommunication between Dal's forward line brought UPEI within five yards of Dal's try line but the Tigers were able to stay strong, crushing wave after wave of UPEI players.

Team president John Hewitt, dressed immaculately, paced the sidelines with his clipboard. Shouting orders and encouragement, Hewitt marshalled his troops against the UPEI onslaught. The Panthers quickly lost possession of the ball and a kick from the Tigers' Kyle Langille sent the ball beyond the 22-yard line and out of bounds, erasing UPEI's hard-won gains. The Tigers won the ensuing line-out and moved the ball up the field. As soon as PEI regained possession of the ball the Panthers attempted a desperate field goal from above the 22-yard line. A spectacular kick put UPEI on the scoreboard - 24 - 3 for Dal.

"That's how they break the shut out?" Hewitt muttered. He's seen his team go 5-0 this season, outscoring their opponents by a total of 205 points to only 46 against. Shut outs are a reasonable expectation for this team.

UPEI's frustration mounts as the clock winds down. Anytime the players were remotely within kicking range of the uprights, they tried for a field goal. This strategy earns them



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Alasdair Bishop scored the final goal for Dal's 34-9 victory.

six more points but they couldn't carry the ball across the try line once in the entire game. With less than 10 minutes left, Dal goes on the attack. A brilliant pass play between prop Cory Webster, fly-half Langille and hooker Ewan Wilson got the ball out to winger Greg Winton, who blew by the Panthers defense for Dal's sixth try of the game. Shortly after, a UPEI player grabbed the ball from a Dal chip kick and tore down the sideline past several Dal forwards, until he met Wilson, a 230-pound Whitehorse, Yukon native. Wilson effortlessly slammed the Panther to the ground. With one last try before the final whistle, 8-man Alasdair Bishop scored, completing Dal's 34-9 victory.

Players practice without coach, sufficient funds

Although rugby is the biggest sports team at Dal with 75 players, rugby is not a varsity-status sport and the team is considered a student society. The Dal Student Union (DSU) and Dal Athletics contribute a total of \$2,500 to the team each year and the players fundraise the rest. The costs of playing rugby at Dal can be

staggering, with two teams regularly traveling across the province, insurance and team dues and a lack of health benefits.

The team doesn't have a coach this year, so players have recruited guest coaches to help run their practices. The team practices up to four times a week like a small army on Wickwire Field. When a coach is unavailable, the players run practices on their own.

"It can be disorganized at times," says Hewitt, "but the players are dedicated to bettering themselves and bettering the team."

The team even adheres to a no-drinking policy beginning 48-hours prior to each game.

As word spreads that Dal Rugby is a serious team, new members have begun to turn out in record numbers.

"I'm already getting e-mails from guys wanting to play for the team next year," Hewitt says.

Dal's Division 2 rugby team went 4 - 1 in the regular season, finishing with a 46 - 0 win against Saint Mary's last Sunday. Both teams are looking forward to consecutive league championship victories. Playoffs begin Saturday, Oct. 25.

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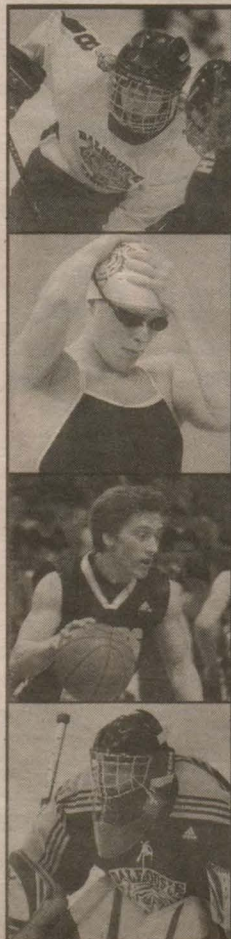
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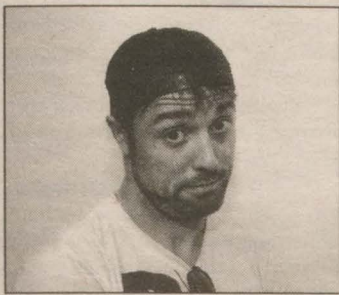
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Sport retort

Silver linings



NICK KHATTAR
SPORTS EDITOR

Man, Saint Mary's University Husky stadium is nice, minus the bird poop. I recently went in there for the first time. It puts Wickwire to shame. As a sports contributor once lamented to me, that's what having a good football team gets you.

Now I sit downing a potent concoction of expensive liquor I stole from a house party last night. I'm trying to cope with the depression of another term with Mayor Peter Kelly in office and wondering why we need 16 kilometres of bike lane between Beechville and Tantallon that will cost tax payers roughly \$1 million - \$65,000 a kilometre. Last week while biking down Robie Street, I almost got canned by a bus. Here's an interesting duality: 16 kilometres of useless bike lane and 16,000 votes allow a useless mayor to continue his idle reign.

But before I drink myself into a mindless stupor, I am actually brightened by the realization that winter is almost here. What does the coming of bitter cold rain and snow have to do with my previous statement, you wonder? First and most obviously: when it starts to snow, if it starts to snow, I will no longer be perpetually frustrated with how dangerous it is to use a bicycle in this city, because I will be forced to put the ole girl away

for the season. My bike lane woes will be forgotten for another five months, and instead will be replaced by frustrations with our terribly inefficient, unreliable public transit system.

The coming of winter also means Halloween is just around the corner, and thus I can look forward to a bomb-ass Halloween show at the Marquee - this year headlining Trans Am!

In my simple mind, the falling leaves directly translate to falling snowflakes, which, if they fall with any real mass, directly translate into snow days! Snow days equal snowball fights, kamikaze GT races down Citadel Hill and games of "shinny" that leave my knees bruised and raw. Before most of that happens, we'll have Christmas vacation - a little sooner this year, according to our 2008-2009 Dalhousie calendar.

Before I finish my last swill of this hearty concoction, I will also smile at the fact that by mid-November, Dal may be celebrating numerous championship victories in the Atlantic University Sport league and potentially on a national scale.

With our men's and women's soccer teams hot on the tracks of well-positioned playoff births, and our unbeaten rugby team playing in Sunday's championship, sweet competitive sport glory is just around the corner.

With the coming of the cold November rains - thank you, Axel Rose - comes the finales of some great sporting seasons and the new beginnings of others.

Trust me when I say nothing takes your mind off of that failing grade you got in the online course you forgot you started in the summer like a spectator brawl at a Saint Mary's University vs. Dal hockey game.

Next winter we'll see the Canada Winter Games come to Nova Scotia. That means the local ski hills will have to start preparing this year. Martock is creating an official-sized, maintained half pipe - against the company's will, I'd bet. Cross-country trails will have been created and maintained and hockey arenas will have to be renovated. Don't worry, it's already official, so despite how hard he may try, Mayor Kelly cannot put the kybosh on this.

Anyway, the point of this scotch/vodka/gin/sambuca fuelled spiel, is silver linings and finding them among the gray clouds that typically hang over Halifax.

We, the fortunate, who have decided to live in the realm of academic life by way of the university institution, are blessed because we have a world in which to escape when the real world smells like turd.

If you don't like what's in the local newspaper, pick up the school paper. If you don't like the Metro Transit system, take Tiger Patrol. If you don't want to pay to watch the Mooseheads lose, go to a Tigers game.

There are beautiful things happening at your university all the time that are reasons enough to keep you happy and help you forget about the toils of the 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. world down the road. The important part though is to pick a place and care about it. If you decide to hang out with us here in fantasyland university world, then damn it, be a conscious and concerned participant. You usually only have four years to stink of malt liquor and speak exclusively in Family Guy quotes. After that you're just another shmuck working your ass off so other people can afford to live off of condor eggs and cherry vanilla Coke.

Used sporting goods

Sports in brief

Pictou County's own Joey MacDonald has seen some early NHL action this season, starting the first four games of the NHL season for the New York Islanders. The former Mooseheads goalie got the call when Islanders starter Rick DiPietro didn't get the go-ahead from doctors after having hip surgery in the off-season. MacDonald, 28, has gone 2-2 so far this season with a goals average (GAA) of 3.50 and a save percentage of .889.

finish means the Huskies will have the home-field advantage during Atlantic University Football (AUF) play-offs. Finishing second in the AUS football league were the St. Francis Xavier X-Men with a 31-20 win over Acadia last weekend. Acadia's loss gave the Mount Allison As third place. The semifinal game will take place at Oland Stadium Nov. 1, with the As playing the X-Men.

The Halifax Saltys women's senior soccer team took home its first national title last Monday, beating the North London Galaxy from Ontario 3-2. Nkem Ezurike scored twice for the Saltys and Mary Beth Bowie had one to top the scoreboard for Halifax.

In St. John's, Nfld. where the tournament was being held, the senior men's team finished sixth with a 3-0 loss to AEK London on Monday. The men had a chance to play for third place but lost in a shoot out to P.E.I. on Sunday night.

Less than a week after being traded from the Bathurst Titans, Halifax Mooseheads' forward Radek Vlasanek decided to call it a day. A press release said the 19-year-old Czech player did not feel comfortable in the city and has decided to head back to the Czech Republic.

Last Thursday at the Premier Basketball League draft in Chicago, the Halifax Rainmen acquired Walter Moyses. The six-foot-10 former Acadia basketball star is from P.E.I. After finishing a five-year run with the Axemen, he played in Europe. Playing for Switzerland's Villars Basket, he led the team in points for rebounds per game last season.

Saint Mary's University leading quarterback Erik Glavic will not play for the rest of the season. Last year's national player of the year, Glavic is recovering from an anterior cruciate ligament surgery suffered a strain on Sept. 19 during a comeback attempt. After suffering their first loss of the season at the hands of Montreal, the SMU Huskies looked to rookie Jack Creighton last Saturday in their road game against Mount Allison University. The rookie, who was coming off a rib injury from two weeks prior, again showed his talent, helping the Huskies clench first place in the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) league with a 31-16 victory over the As. Huskies' tailback Devon Jones had two touchdowns, 12 carries and ran for 121 yards before being sidelined with an ankle injury. The first place

The troubled Halifax Mooseheads had something to be proud of last Friday as they picked up their fourth win of the season, beating Lewiston 2-0 on the road. Moosehead's goalie Mark Yetman made 43 saves in the game for his first shut-out of the year. Ned O'Brien and Chad Earle posted first period goals for the Mooseheads, which set the pace for the rest of the game. Unfortunately the Mooseheads couldn't improve on things the following night as they lost 5-1 on the road to Drummondville. Charles Bety had the lone goal while Yetman posted 30 saves. The Mooseheads play tonight at home against Baie-Comeau at 7 p.m., and again tomorrow at home against Chicoutimi.

The ladies Huskies are heading to the Atlantic University Sport women's rugby championships in Antigonish on Saturday. After beating the Acadia Axewomen 29-17 in the semifinal last Saturday, the Huskies are slated to face the St. Francis Xavier X-Women for the crown. The X-Women were rewarded a bye to the finals for finishing the season in first place with a perfect 6-0 record. The Huskies will have an uphill battle on Saturday considering the X-Women outscored their opponents 416-0 in regular season play.

The 24th Annual Dalhousie Subway Women's Basketball tournament took place over the weekend. On Friday the women's Tigers played and defeated the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology women, winning by more than 30 points. Dal's Alex Legge had 31 points in the win. On Saturday the Dal women faced off against Queen's. The Tigers continued their court domination as they walked over Queen's by 26 points, winning 90-64. Captain Kelly Donald had 30 points for the Tigers going eight for eight on her three-point shots. Jenna Kaye had 23 points for the Tigers, while Queen's Brittany Moore had 24 points. On Sunday, Dal completed the tournament undefeated, beating Brock University 85-63. Leah Girwood got MVP for Dal.

Sources: ESPN, The Chronicle Herald, Metro



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Tigers beat the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology by 30 points.

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Women get their kicks in final home game



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The Memorial Seahawks played well on Oct. 18, but it was soon apparent Dal would get the most chances.

DYLAN MATTHIAS
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

The Dalhousie Tigers women's soccer team won their final home game of the season 1-0 Saturday, slipping past a potentially dangerous Memorial University team that previously sat one point behind the Tigers at third place in the league.

The Memorial Seahawks played well, but it was apparent early on that Dal would get most of the chances.

The Tigers' Emily Cox got two chances in the first 20 minutes, but was unable to finish off either of them.

At 32:45, third-year defender Jeannette Huck got the ball about 30 yards from goal. Turning quickly around the defender, she launched a sailing shot which Memorial goalkeeper Janine Bursey was able to tip, but unable to keep out. Bursey may have helped it in by slowing down the looping shot, causing it to drop more quickly.

The Tigers almost made it 2-0 shortly before half-time. Kate MacDonald curled a wonderful free-kick across the goal, bending it toward the far corner. With Bursey beaten it began to drop, but not quickly enough, and the ball bounced away off the top of the bar.

The Seahawks rallied somewhat

after coming out for the second half. A free-kick from the right connected with Seahawks mid-fielder Samantha Hansford's head, but the shot bounced, hit the bar and was promptly cleared.

Tigers goalkeeper Rebecca Holm made a few saves to keep the game even, but the game didn't really test her. Regular goalkeeper Heather Armstrong had picked up an injury and was out for this game.

The 1-0 win also marked the final home game for captain Stephanie Collins. The Calgary native is in her fifth year of eligibility, which means she'll be moving on after this season. She's hoping to make this season her most memorable of all by winning the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) championships at Saint Mary's University in two weeks. But she won't forget last year's AUS championships.

"We were playing it in a hurricane and it went into double overtime, and then it went into penalty shots and I ended up shooting the penalty shot to win it," said Collins, adding she's enjoyed her time as captain.

"It's great, it's wonderful—I love my team so much," she said. "Sometimes it's hard because you don't want to be the bad guy, but it's something you have to do; it's a privilege."

Tigers pounce on Seahawks

DYLAN MATTHIAS
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

It was the finale for two Tiger stars on Saturday. Both Alan Dalton and John Ballantyne played their final games at Wickwire Field against the Memorial University Seahawks, winning 1-0.

Both players had strong outings in what was a close-fought, foul-tempered game between teams at opposing ends of the standings. Dalhousie sat second coming into the game while Memorial sat ninth in the league with nine points.

Memorial got its only real chance of the game nine minutes in, when Andre Le curled a free kick to the top left corner of keeper Ben Ur's goal. But Ur got himself up and managed to tip the ball up off his bar and down into the six-yard box, where it was hacked clear.

Immediately after, Dal took control over the weaker, obviously frustrated, Memorial team.

Memorial goalkeeper Tyler Putt was forced into the first good save of what would be an erratic game for him. Dalton was left alone for Dal in front of the goal and he connected on a stinging volley, which Putt tipped away at full stretch.

Putt provided plenty of entertainment when the game grew a bit dull. He began standing out closer to the centre line, about 40 yards from goal. Unable to use his hands at that distance, any attempted shot would have proved a difficult save. He also continually and loudly berated the referee and his own defenders, eventually earning a yellow card for

dissent.

Amazingly, despite his unconventional play, Putt was never embarrassed. He actually had a magnificent game, saving shot after shot from creative and dangerous Dal players. Dalton had another opportunity steered around the post shortly after his initial chance. Then Putt stopped a Ballantyne chip from centre, rushing back to push it over the bar.

When Dal finally did score, Putt did everything he could to make the save, steering repeated corner kicks out of play until he was finally forced to punch one. It fell to Julian Perrotta who bundled home his second of the year.

In the 63rd minute of the game, further disciplinary trouble seemed imminent for the exasperated referee, who had to deal with frequent insults from the players. Dal's Will Kozey got into a shoving match with a Memorial defender after a clash in the box. A fight nearly broke out, but the referee elected not to send both players off and the two escaped with cautions.

Kozey, who was nursing an injury, was replaced minutes later.

Dal had a number of opportunities to extend its lead, but the Tigers either missed the goal or were stopped — somehow — by an out of position Putt.

The final 10 minutes descended into base bickering and foulness, with more players entering the book, including Memorial's Alex Mitchell for a particularly boisterous bout of swearing directed at the referee.



JOHN GAYLORD/DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

The men's Tigers won 1-0 against the Memorial University Seahawks on Oct. 18.

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King's men fall

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The men's Blue Devils soccer team won 3-2 after a penalty kick against the Mount Saint Vincent Mystics at the Turkey Bowl on Monday Oct. 13. The Mystics hosted the University of King's College team in their annual Thanksgiving Monday showdown.

The home side Mystics scored just three minutes into the game, with Mark Harnish netting his first goal of the night.

King's wasted no time in responding. After a nasty foul in the midfield the ball was sent forward into the Mystic's box. Sean Hornbuckle was able to beat away the original free kick, but Sam March slipped the rebound home.

The Mystics reclaimed their lead shortly before half-time, with Harnish barreling his way past several defenders before ripping a low shot past King's back-up keeper Josh Viner.

The Blue Devils kept pressing in the second half, nearly scoring on several occasions. Things began to look dire as the game entered its final 10 minutes.

Eight minutes from time, Kyle Murphy scored to equalize for King's and make the game interesting.

In the final minute of regular time the ball was chipped over the back line toward Hornbuckle. He rushed out to claim it, but just as he did, the King's player who had been chasing

the ball with little chance of getting it was sent flying by a ruthless tackle from behind.

The referee awarded a penalty – but no card – and sent Derek Reid to the spot.

Reid hit his shot low and to the right of Hornbuckle, and while the Mystic's keeper guessed the right way, it got under his arm to give King's a 3-2 win.

The drama wasn't finished. Almost immediately after the Mystics kicked off again, Neil MacIntyre slid in very late and from behind. After much discussion, the referee showed him a second yellow card, ejecting him from the rest of the match. King's already short bench will lose MacIntyre to suspension for one game.

King's women lose 1-0

The same day the Mystics won 1-0 against the King's women, taking the lead on an early goal from Amanda Doyle. Finding some space in midfield, the speedy striker ran through a hole at centre back for King's before curling one into the top corner.

King's began to respond offensively near the 30-minute mark, when Hye-Yeon Jang got the ball unmarked in the Mystics' box, but failed to beat keeper Breagh MacDonald.

The Mystics thought they'd scored again shortly after with Deirdre Gormley sending Sarah Parker clean through the Blue Devils' back line. Parker rounded Krista Bishop

and scored easily. About 10 seconds after the ball had hit the twine it became apparent that the goal would not stand – the flag had gone up for offside on Parker, although the referee didn't blow until after the goal.

Jang looked dangerous for King's throughout, stealing a ball then dancing in on the goal, only to fizzle the shot straight at MacDonald for an easy save.

King's should really have scored before halftime. Jang sent a slow, bouncing pass into the box, which bounced straight to Stacey Cutler. Faced with a gaping goal, Cutler hesitated slightly, giving the Mystic's defender enough time to block the point blank chance.

That was really as close as King's would get. The Mount had a great chance minutes into the second half, with Parker breaking in on goal again. Bishop was able to get fingertips to it and direct it onto the post, but the rebound fell to Morgan LeBlanc, who missed the open goal with a high shot.

Chrissy Henneberry also looked to double the tally for the Mount, capitalizing on a midfield turnover by Sidney Comstock and blasting a shot that just missed the top corner.

King's last good chance came in the 71st minute, with defender Sarah Kraus looping a free kick that eluded MacDonald, but also seemed to elude the net—it looked like it might go in, but it just floated wide.

Dal men lose to rivals

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Saint Mary's and Dalhousie have a long-standing rivalry for sports domination in Halifax, and Sunday it was a battle the Huskies won. Despite the loss, the Dal men are still guaranteed a playoff spot.

The men's soccer teams both worked hard for points, but in the end, a 2-0 lead was too much for the Tigers, who fell 2-1.

Dal had the first real chance of the game, with Wes Hawley stealing the ball, beating his man, then rifling a 25-yard strike on goal. It looked good, but was deflected up in the air and SMU goalkeeper Saif Shaker was able to hold it.

The Huskies answered back about four minutes later. A corner kick was curled in beautifully by Guiseppe Scichilone, and from a scrum of players Keith MacMillan rose to meet it at the back post. His header wasn't perfect—he headed it straight off the bar from point-blank range, but it bounced down, bounced off of Dal keeper Ben Ur and into the net, giving SMU the early lead.

The Huskies kept up their pressure, and after several near misses won a free kick on the edge of the

box, resulting in the team's first score of the game.

Dal's Paul Froughton nearly clawed one back before half-time, when a pass from Dalton sprung him loose. He cut inside and unleashed a rocket, which Shaker was able to tip wide.

The Huskies continued to comfortably defend their lead without any real inroads from the Tigers. Dal began to press harder toward the end of the game, but, despite a chance free kick by Andrew Hutchison, the Tigers couldn't find anything.

It was really too late when Julian Perrotta dashed onto a through ball in the SMU box, only to be pulled down from behind. Although he had a legitimate scoring chance, no card was issued—save for a yellow after the fact, probably for dissent.

Ross Hagen made no mistake from 12 yards, sending Shaker the wrong way. Dal would press forward again, but the Huskies guarded their box well and put a stop to any real chances.

The win moves SMU ahead of Dal in the standings, although Dal has a game in hand. The top two teams get a bye to the semi-finals in the playoffs, to be held at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B.

Women's Huskies score once and for all

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The Dalhousie women's soccer team failed to score last Sunday, losing 1-0 to rivals the Saint Mary's Huskies on a penalty goal from Ashley Donald.

It was a day where the Dal team really failed to click offensively, struggling all 90 minutes to connect on any ball coming into the box.

The Huskies moved the ball quickly and efficiently along the ground, but the Tigers seemed to rely too heavily on long passes forward.

The chances Dal did get, mostly in the first 20 minutes or so, lacked a finish. The striker combination of Jeanette Huck and Katie Richard failed to get on the end of a lot of balls.

These Tigers have only scored 10 goals this season, putting them fifth in the league. Most of their wins have been clean sheets and they excel at protecting leads, having conceded only five goals this year.

Things get harder when the Tigers give up the lead, which they did at 27:51, when a long throw from Melissa Currie pinged around the Tigers' box for awhile before appearing to strike Stephanie Collins on the arm.

The referee, who up until now had been very jovial—even joking with the players—awarded the Hus-

kies a penalty, which captain Donald put high past Rebecca Holm.

Dal failed to create any opportunities, maybe because team lead scorer Katie MacDonald spent a lot of her game out on the wing. She didn't get a great deal of service and was eventually moved to a defensive midfield position before finally getting in the game as an out and out striker for the last 10 minutes.

The Tigers used seven different players as strikers in this game, and none of them could score. Jeanette Huck got the ball a few times, but failed to test the goalkeeper. Emily Cox was the recipient of several crosses, but failed to quite connect on any of them.

The Tigers threw everyone forward late, looking for an equalizer, but couldn't find it, and often looked totally lost in the offensive third, with left back Alannah MacLean the only player who decided to try a shot on Dal's final foray. Unfortunately, she slashed it 30 feet wide.

With Dal already qualified for the playoffs, the loss of two points won't matter too much, especially given the four-point win on Saturday over Memorial, which sits only one point behind Dal. But it is worrying, given the playoffs will be hosted by Saint Mary's this year, which means there's a chance Dal could meet the Huskies again — and the next time, the result could very much matter.

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Development is Developmental

Graham Lettner
Engineers Without Borders

My current working hypothesis is that much international development doesn't create positive impact, because projects are often providing solutions to symptoms.

This may not be an obvious flaw, but its consequences are easy to spot. No water in a community? Drill a borehole. Farmers aren't growing enough food? Provide subsidized fertilizer. A local market for sorghum flour going unfulfilled? Set up a local mill for a cooperative to run.

These actions might sound like what's needed, but they all bypass an idea that I'd like to float as a core concept of our work—development is developmental. Actual development is a progression, a process of changing behaviours, of developing skills, of growing all the underpinning systems that support business, and governance, and society in general.

As is often the case, once a new idea is formed the mind often goes hunting for evidence to confirm it in the mind of its creator, and perhaps convince other minds of the idea's merits as well. Thus, when I read a story of what I would now term developmental development not only did I latch on to it, but I just had to find a way to share it. The story comes from a friend and fellow EWB overseas volunteer, Hans Hesse.

Hans works in Lusaka, Zambia with a really unique NGO called PROFIT, unique because of its intuitive understanding of the progression of development and its instance on focusing on systemic issues of poverty, not related symptoms. Together they focus on providing market facilitation in value-chains that have direct benefits for smallholder farmers. (A value-chain is simply a term to describe the entire set of economic activities of one enterprise, which, in the instance of bread, would go from planting wheat to eating your morning toast.) One focus is fertilizer distribution agent networks working with big agricultural input companies. The agents interact with farmers, booking their orders, and relaying these orders to the input companies for them to deliver. It's one particular private enterprise approach of getting fertilizer to farmers.

While out in the field interviewing farmers, Hans wrote the following little blurb:

One of the big successes so far has been one agent sending a very well-written letter (he was a former teacher) to one of the input companies complaining about how the firm hadn't done enough training, wasn't delivering on time, and generally wasn't supporting the agents well, as per a contract. In response the firm had the agents come to Lusaka for training. Awesome.

Hans called this single event one of the "big successes" of the project. You might think it's suspect to label this a 'success' as it's far from a report of huge volumes of fertilizer being distributed, or of a bumper

maize crop. In my mind though, it's huge. An agent, instead of feeling powerless to change a situation of neglect created by the input company, put his thoughts in writing, outlined the problems he was facing, and referenced a contractual agreement as proof that the company wasn't holding up it's end of the bargain. Even better, the input company responded, not with harsh words, but with specific, helpful action.

To a Canadian, this all might seem insignificant, perhaps because it's a process that regularly occurs in Canada: a contract isn't upheld, a complaint is made, and the matter is resolved. But here in both Malawi and Zambia this seemingly simple process can never be taken for granted. Imagine trying to secure fertilizer for next year's crop, trying to transport your crop to market, or trying to bill a client through the mail without any support systems like phones, or mail boxes, or good roads, or accessible accounting services, or effective small claims courts.. It's not unimaginable—it happens every day here in southern Africa.

This is why I think that development is developmental. Development takes time, and it takes changes in behaviour, and it takes step-by-step improvements to supporting systems. Thus, the difficulty and complexity of it all is more than enough to get me excited about telling a story of a Zambian fertilizer agent taking matters into his own hands, and, in the process, cementing my new notion of development.

Dal Students Waste A LOT!

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How many paper cups do you think Dal goes through on an average week?

While procrastinating studying for midterms, sitting in the computer lab that somehow sits at about 30 degrees C, I pondered this question as I sipped from my third coffee of the day, on a Sunday. After a bit of research on SustainDal's Resources website (<http://sustaindal.dsu.dal.ca/resources.html>), I came across an entire class at Dal that's devoted to studying "The Campus as a Living Laboratory". One such study inventoried Dalhousie's coffee cup consumption (http://environmental.science.dal.ca/Files/Final_Report_Coffee_cups.pdf).

As indicated in the report Dalhousie alone consumes an astonishing 370,420 disposable coffee cups



every week.

Yep, I checked that number twice. Almost 400,000 cups a week for a school of about 16,000. Considering the energy to gather the raw materials, process the cups, and truck them all over the country, you can imagine the impact that these cups are having on our landfills, water tables through seepage, and air quality.

So what do we do about it? The only solution is to bring your own mug. Throw it in a side pouch on your backpack and give it a rinse when you get

home. If any of you are as lazy as I am, it might seem like a daunting task to lug yet another thing around, but it's really not that hard. You get used to it pretty quick, and get the luxury of drinking coffee after coffee without waste to keep the procrastination going. For such a simple gesture, you'll save 10 cents each time you fill up, and know you're doing your part. You're also helping to create and sustain the jobs of the folks that make them.

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