

# Dal Profile

BY JEANNE JU

**Name:** Terence Tam (no middle name — I didn't want one at birth).

**Age:** 20.

**Pastimes:** I like to eat, sleep, and watch TV...and I'm not lying.

**What are you studying at Dal:** I'm in my third year of Political Science with a minor in Business.

**Describe yourself:** I like to wear shorts. I'm a bit odd but I'm friendly.



**Nickname:** Chi Chi Chihuahua man.

**Things that you are known for:** Living in and never leaving the SUB; wearing shorts year-round; the Outdoors Club; Dal Arts Society; Dal Student Union.

**Things that make you happy:** Free movie passes, free food...anything free; great food; when I get a drive to and from home (Cole Harbour); when I can do something helpful for someone; when people can get along and aren't kicking the shit out of each other.

**Things that bug you:** Having to wait 6 billion hours for the bus; people who complain all the time about their workload and don't do anything about it (when they're all talk), but hey, I do that, too!

**Things that scare you:** Public speaking scares the shit out of

me — speaking in front of big humungous crowds. That, oh my God, that would kill me.

**Favourite book from your childhood:** *Walk, Rabbit Walk* (I won it by entering a reading contest at the Dartmouth Regional Library but I cheated by just reading the jackets of 25 books).

**Do you lie or cheat?** I don't lie. I don't think I cheat, do I? I don't think I do.

**Favourite TV shows:** Seinfeld, Married With Children, CBC's National with Peter Mansbridge.

**Favourite footwear:** Boots, because they're all-season.

**Favourite place to study at Dal:** Study at Dal? I study at home and in the Arts Society Lounge.

**Favourite place to hang out at Dal:** Arts Society Lounge and the SUB.

**Favourite procrastination activity:** Eating, sleeping, checking my mail and occasionally batting balls in the hallways of the SUB — basically, my favourite things I like to do!

**Favourite phrase:** S'ya later!

**Favourite colour:** none.

**Which smartie colour you eat the last:** I don't really notice; I stuff them down.

**Favourite music:** Big Sugar, the Killjoys, No Doubt, Bush X and stuff like that.

**Ambitions:** Graduate in 10 billion years; would like to get students to be proud of their University, make sure that they know what's going on and have them take part; travel the world...and become the CEO of a really big company.

**Short-term ambitions:** To establish Rent-a-Pet at Dal for student to rent a pet from the SPCA for the 9 months that they're in school to help out the SPCA.

**Greatest regrets:** Living in the same town for 20 years.

**Most treasured possessions:** My TV, stereo, bike, camping bag and my stuffed animal collection.

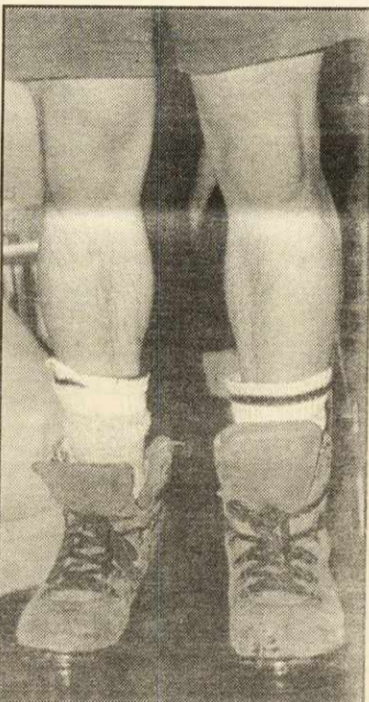
**Favourite stuffed animal:** White fluffy cat that I made in grade 8 when everyone else was making those fuzzy dice.

**Motto in life:** Help people as much as you can and not ask for anything back.

**Any new year's Resolutions:** No, because all my bad habits are never going to change.

**Things that you just gotta do before you bite the dust:** Do something positive for society.

**Dream job:** I don't know. I guess a job that I work with people I like, pays well, plus all the frills.



**Are you a Trekkie, X-Phile, Friends or 90210 junkie?** I watch X-files; I watch Star Trek, but I'm not a trekkie.

**What you would do if classes were cancelled by a snow-**



**storm:** I would wake up, turn off the stereo, cook something to eat and go back to bed. Weather-pending, I would do the same thing, but go biking outside if it were sunny out in the afternoon.

**Things you'd like to change about yourself:** Stop procrastinating; stop eating crappy food.

**Things you'd like to have changed at Dal:** I wouldn't mind having it closer to my home; the Killam and the LSC are big slabs of concrete that could be more cultured; have Rent-a-Pet; have students more involved in the community.

**Does your wallet, keychain or backpack say a lot about the type of person you are?** My wallet is an inch-and-a-half thick full of coupons; my keychain doesn't have any funny things on it because they always fall off; my backpack is always full of clothes and junk.

**What are the must-haves in a backpack?** Money, food, extra clothes, keys and Alpha-Hydroxy Acid hand cream (especially in the winter) and junk, oh yeah and school work, daily planner, extra pen and computer disks.

**Have any suggestions on improving Dal spirit?** Right now, I'm working on a SUB fair for Jan. 30th to get students aware of services, clubs, societies available.

**If you were an animal/plant (in your next life) what would you be?** A chi chi chihuahua. They don't have to do much.

**What keeps you grounded/sane?** Too late.

**What you've learned most from your parents:** Always be helpful, work hard.

**What you've learned most from your experiences at Dal:** How to exercise my freedom to drop and add courses.

**What section of the Gazette do you read first?** The DSU part, then the articles with neat pictures.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Sleeping in the Arts Society Lounge.

**Best time-management advice you can give:** Write everything down; update everything every 10 minutes; schedule everything.

**Why do you wear shorts year-round?** I hate pants. If you're outside and it's raining, you're pants get all sticky and you feel clammy; plus you're stuck with your sticky pants all day. But, if you're wearing shorts and it rains on your legs, it'll dry off, and you'll feel normal.

**What product would you advertise for free?** Anything for a good cause especially if they give me free samples.

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## Interuniversity program unique

BY TANIA TREPANIER

Angela Failler picked up a book called *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity* while explaining that she has been reading it for her directed study. Failler is a student in the new Interuniversity Women's Studies MA program offered jointly by Mount Saint Vincent, Dalhousie and Saint Mary's universities.

Many people wonder what it is you can do with a masters in Women's Studies?

Failler does not hesitate to list some of the options: "Teaching at university, working in the media, journalism, working with

social activist groups generally, working with women's resource organizations, the list is endless. Because Women's Studies is interdisciplinary, its applications are multidimensional."

The diverse nature of this program means that students can focus on their area of interest. Failler explains: "The program allows for enough flexibility so that students' interests can be pursued. People in the program this year are interested in women's health issues, women and technology, women in the media, gender and development. My area of interest is popular culture, sexuality and queer theory."

"No degree secures you a job,"

adds Failler. "I would say that this is true with any liberal arts degree. But the advantage of being in Women's Studies is that you get a more unique and challenging perspective that is not only useful as far as your professional career is concerned, but also for personal growth and interest."

While students have some flexibility in shaping their program of study through electives, they must complete core requirements in feminist methodology, feminist theory, and a methods or theory elective. Also, students must complete a field-based learning component in which they must volunteer with a community organization. Finally, like

other masters students, Women's Studies graduate students must write and defend a thesis.

This masters program in Women's Studies is the first of its kind, with students attending classes at all three participating institutions. The program has long been a vision of Women's Studies faculties in the Halifax area, and was finally passed by the Senates of the three institutions in 1995.

Failler is happy with her choice to do an MA in Women's Studies and thinks the newness of the program is a plus. "I was encouraged by the faculty and coordinators that I spoke with and I was confident about the

schools that were participating in the program," she said. "I considered it an opportunity to play a significant role in shaping the program."

With talk of collaboration and amalgamation in the air, this program provides a concrete example of some of the advantages and difficulties of an interuniversity venture. Students benefit from the resources and faculty at all three universities. However, students must contend with a more complicated registration process.

When I asked Failler why she chose Women's Studies over some other disciplinary area she

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