

DAL PROFILE

BY TIM RICHARD

What are you studying here at Dal?

Theatre. People are like, "What, you take theatre? Does that mean you don't do anything? Do you play games all day. Wow, that sounds like fun."

How do people usually respond when they discover you've lived the majority of your life in Newfoundland?

Everyone seems to think that it is one big community, and there's this big extension cord running from North Sydney and we're all plugged into it. There's one big-screen T.V. in Cornerbrook and everyone watches it. Our phone book must be the size of a pamphlet, that is if you're lucky enough to have a phone and running water.

What are your ambitions?

I want to be an entertainer. I just want to make people laugh. I'd like to do stand-up, if I could be good at it.

Where will your career begin and end?

Well, first of all, it will end in Newfoundland in a big grassy field, with sunflowers and a big wrap-around porch and dogs. In between, there will be America, that big hell-hole. I'd like to go to Toronto and do some Second City stuff and eventually open up something to help people who want to be funny.

Do you feel pressure to be funny all the time?

It depends. When people ap-

proach me and are like, "Oh, you're the funny one." I'm like, "Oh, that's great, yeah, shut up."

What is man's greatest invention?

I don't know, let's see. Velcro, elastic. Shoelaces are fine. Q-tips. That was a good invention. Clothing's been good to me. VISA, the bank card.

What did you do as a child in Newfoundland?

Lie. Tell stories. I'd sit on the steps on my uncle's house (he was a barber). He'd cut people's hair and I'd make up these big long stories. Hmm...what else did I do? I got in trouble a lot, fell in the water a couple of times.

Fell in the water?

Yeah, when it was winter, there would be these big ice ponds and we'd jump from one (iceberg) to the other in hopes of not slipping and falling in. But that didn't always work out.

Did you ever tip a cow?

No, there's really not a lot of cattle in Newfoundland. You've really got to think about how they'd get there, and they're really not very good swimmers. Anyways, I haven't tipped any.

Tell me about Halloween in Newfoundland?

Halloween is a huge thing in Newfoundland. Not with that whole decorating thing necessarily, but if you didn't give someone treats, they'd cut your clothesline down and burn down your boat or outhouse. So you



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made sure you had candy or a new clothesline, one or the other.

What ambitions have you given up already?

To be the next Vanna White. Like, what's with her? She's had two children, yet she still bounces back.

What ticks you off?

I have this problem with public washrooms. I think they should be soundproof. I just don't have the need to hear that...And

truck stops. You just don't know who's been there. I envision Big Bertha just sitting on the toilet for hours...

What is the worst gift you have ever received?

You see, I don't remember anything really bad. When you were little you hated getting socks and underwear, but you had no choice, I mean, you really need them.

What songs do you find yourself singing in the shower?

Abba is a big shower thing for me, and Aretha Franklin, Blondie.

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