

On the prowl with the Tiger Patrol

BY JEANNE JU

Daylight savings time has arrived, and that means it's getting dark earlier. At the end of a tough day at Dal, many students and employees venture home or across campus alone in the dark. This is not necessary because Dal's Tiger Patrol is on the prowl.

Dalhousie's Tiger Patrol Program offers a safe walking escort service on campus, and a scheduled shuttle bus service along a designated route near the university during the academic year (excluding Christmas break and study break).

Dalhousie's Tiger Patrol does not rely on volunteers. A group of 20 female and 20 male Dal students were hired for the entire school year. Each member was security screened, and trained in first aid, CPR and emergency measures before being hired. The

group was divided into three teams. Two teams are on safe-walking escort duty, with each escort consisting of a male/female pair. The third team of pairs staffs the shuttle bus service.

Patrol teams are dispatched when a call is placed to the Security Department. Teams maintain radio contact with the department while getting clients to their destination safely.

Andy Bezanson and Julia Marston work for the Tiger Patrol.

"We get about five to six calls a night and like to be busy attending to calls," they said.

Both Bezanson and Marston encourage people to use the program because it gives them peace of mind to make students' trips home safe.

Both the walk home and shuttle bus services were initiated by the Dalhousie Student Union in

response to students' safety concerns. They were implemented in partnership with Dalhousie University. The Dalhousie Security Department is responsible for running both these security programs. The walk home service started in 1990, and the shuttle bus service was modelled after a program devised at the University of Waterloo in 1994.

The Tiger Patrol Safe Walking Escort Service runs Sunday to Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and on Thursday to Saturday from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The Tiger Patrol Shuttle Bus Service runs a regular scheduled route Sunday to Friday evenings. Dal IDs are required to use the Tiger Patrol service. For more information call 494-6400.



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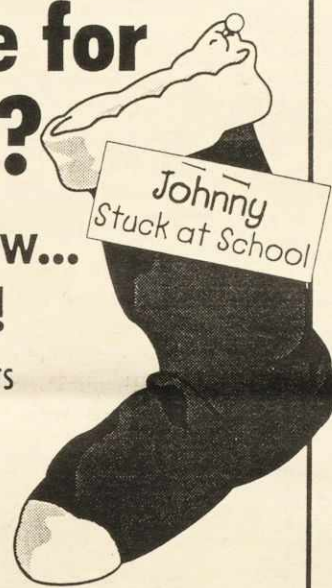
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Running for the cure

BY PIA PACE-ASCIAK

Over double the number of last year's turnout showed up for this year's Honda Run last Sunday.

The event took place at the Tower at St. Mary's with a successful gathering of about 2,000 people in comparison with 700 people last year.

The paths in Point Pleasant Park were pounded down by several students from each university in Halifax trying to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The event was part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The run took place in ten Canadian cities, reaching its final goal in Halifax with an approximate tally of \$149,000 going towards research, treatment and education. Last year's event raised \$40,000.

The runners and walkers of all ages travelled a distance of five kilometres, not only to get back to the Tower for the assorted fresh bagels, fabulous draw prizes and free t-shirts, but most of all to raise awareness of the life-threatening disease that so many women face.

Breast cancer will strike one in six Canadian women in their lifetime. This year, 18,600 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 5,300 will die. It is the single biggest killer of Canadian women aged 35-55.

Doctors suggest that women of university age begin regular breast exams to help detect breast cancer in its earliest stages.

Last year, this national annual event recruited 25,000 participants and raised \$1.5 million in total. This year the enthusiasm and energy were even greater, raising even more awareness and more dollars to help find a cure for breast cancer.

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