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Dal students — why they are here

by Steve Tonner and Mike Graham

Everywhere you look, the halls and sidewalks are full of new and returning students, screaming at the top of their lungs about the school year that's about to start. Whether they're happy or sad, we don't know, but they are at least excited about it.

Many of those now reading this story are returning students. They have already spent a year at Dal, and are just gearing up to begin another one. Others are new students, unclear on such worldly things as where the A&A is, or why you don't wash your white linen shirt in the same load as that brand-new purple sweatshirt.

But that's what life beyond high school and the confines of your parent's house is all about. Not just endless classes, but the enjoyment of going to a school that in all likelihood, was your choice to attend, and yours alone. With that, we asked a number of returning and new students why they are attending Dalhousie. Here's what they had to say.



1. Seth McAllister, 4th year Political Science
"To learn how to think properly."



2. Don Harrison, 4th year Political Science
"For law school, and a good education."

New emergency phone number

by Mary Deveau

Last February, Dalhousie Security, Safety Communications Services and Maritime Tel and Tel (MT&T) joined together to make the Dalhousie campus a safer place to study and live. Through new technology, MT&T has been able to link the over 120 pay phones and the over 2700 office telephones across campus to the new emergency phone number, 4109. All emergency calls are directed to the security office where an officer monitors the system 24 hours a day.

Sandy McDonald, Chief of Security at Dalhousie University, stated that the idea for this new system was developed through the Security Education Committee on campus for which he is the chair. They then approached MT&T, who thought it was an excellent idea. Their expert staff began to work right away on the technical aspects of it.

More than a year of planning has gone into the setup of this system. Dalhousie University is the first one in Atlantic Canada and one of the first campuses in Canada to implement such an emergency phone system. Saint Mary's has a system similar to Dal's, and Memorial University of Newfoundland is planning to adopt a system based on ours.

Two of the most important points of the new system are that all calls to 4109 are free and that the display at the security office shows where the call is coming from.

If you are new to Dal campus and are unsure where you are or if you are unable to say where you are, then Dal Security will still be able to send help. A number of red emergency phones will also be located across campus. These phones will have direct lines to the security office. For those living in residences with their own phones, they will be able to call Dal Security at 494-4109. Dalhousie Security has a direct line to the local police department, fire department, and ambulance service.

As well, a number of phones on campus have been modified to ensure that all are able to use them. In the Tupper building, several phones are being lowered to help those who are physically challenged so they can reach them better.

Dal Security is planning to place some pay phones in a couple of campus parking lots so that in the case of an emergency there will be a phone nearby.

Twenty to 25 calls a month, with 75% of them being legitimate, are received through the Dalhousie Security System. This system is set up so you will always be able to get through to security.



3. Edward de Zeeuw, 4th year Physics
"Dal has a good reputation across the country."



4. Malcolm Cromwell-Gore, 2nd year English/History
"Women & wine."



5. Adrianna Hoeg, 1st year Science
"For the programs and the good atmosphere."



6. Jenna Atkinson, 1st year Arts
"Dal had the program I wanted; It feels secure here."

Another frosh week continues...

by Gazette staff

Another school year... Another frosh week... So what else is new?

Well, this year's Fall Orientation Week, themed "Feel the Roar in '94", does have some new things to offer, as well as a few modifications to the traditional line-up of events.

The biggest change from years past is the elimination of the big Saturday night concert. What used to be one of the largest concerts around town is now replaced with a concert in the campus bar, the Grawood, featuring Bob Lambert. Some students remember when there used to be "Super SUBs" — huge con-

certs featuring three acts in the McInnes Room, the cafeteria, AND the Green Room, all at the same time.

This year's frosh week has a new event which organizers hope will turn into a similar kind of musical smorgasbord. On Sunday, September 11, frosh week will close with the event, "Dalapalooza" — five bands and a street market, at the Wickwire Memorial Field on South Street (formerly, Studley Field). Musical acts being featured include such big names as Sue Medley and Ashley MacIsaac. Students from the campuses of Saint Mary's and King's will also be in attendance.

Other new additions to the Frosh Week calendar include a number of

barbecues, organized to introduce students to various groups on campus, including commerce students, science students, and international students. The Community Connection Barbecue allows a number of groups of various interests to tell students what they are about.

On Thursday, September 8, the annual Shinerama campaign takes place all over the campus and metro area. This year's goal is to raise \$25,000, which is used to support Cystic Fibrosis research. Last year, the campaign raised almost that amount, and organizers are optimistic about reaching their goal this year. Aside from the annual "Top Shiner" award (grand prize of a

trip for 2 to Montreal), this year's campaign also includes a "Campus Challenge" — a challenge among the residence houses and off-campus students to see which group will raise the most money.

Other traditional frosh week events have new added twists. Taking place at the movie slumber party is BYOB ("bring your own banana"), a fun alcohol-free event sponsored by P.A.R.T.Y. ("promoting alcohol responsibility throughout the year").

Although numbers appear a bit smaller than last year, spirit levels appear to be higher than before. Some attribute this to the fact that the fewer frosh leaders are more enthusiastic and

more dedicated to making first-year students more comfortable at Dal. However, others question the value of some of the frosh week games, chantings, water guns, and other antics. This year's frosh week attempts to incorporate a few more events targeted to the "non-traditional" first-year student group by offering a variety of barbecues and non-alcoholic events.

As the week draws to a close, "Feel the Roar '94" will soon become a memory of a great week to some or just another frosh week to others. Whether or not the week turns out to be a "roaring" success will be determined then.