The Mixing Bowl Recap

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On February 10th, the Dal AC and NSCC collaborated for the first time in a now annual entrepreneurial competition held by Cultiv8, The Mixing Bowl. It took place at the Marigold Cultural Centre and was made possible thanks to Jason Grant, Jordan Landry and the wonderful folks at The Marigold. It was the optimal location, allowing the creativity juices to flow and for people to utilize talent and potential they didn't know they had.

The competition was 12 hours start to finish, great use of a Saturday for these University and College students, and everybody totally enjoyed themselves!! The students were given an agricultural problem based on today’s concerns; What can be done to engage people in, and educate the community about agriculture?

The pitches were diverse and innovative; from apps to services. First place (Tyler Jollimore, Jacklyn Staples, Jeremy Stroud and Lenka Wicha) had a unique concept that involved creating scientific agricultural video content in peer-reviewed educational formats for the time-crunching consumer. Second place went to Don Geraghty, Elliot Siewart, Ruben Geertz, and Daniel Koek; they took an Uber-take on enabling people to get to farms for produce and the experience. Third went to Myrna Van Golen, Julie Roach, and Dan Bell; with their take on robotized farming.

All teams were a mix of Dal AC and NSCC students. Experience, collaboration, problem-solving, innovation, great food, awesome venue, and great prize money were the keywords of the day. The first annual Mixing Bowl was a great hit, and we look forward to the next round!

If this sounds exciting to you, or if you are interested in learning more about Cultiv8, feel free to enroll in the Cultiv8 Online Community through Brightspace, or contact Jason directly at jason.grant@dal.ca
President’s Corner

Hey Aggies, I hope you each had fantastic breaks and are ready for the rest of the semester! The days are getting longer, the birds are chirping and there’s a lot to look forward to:

The AC theatre society is performing their annual show in the near future - this is something I always look forward to and you definitely don’t want to miss.

Pub is on for the rest of the year and we have some awesome events planned going forward with giveaways, new themes and some big events coming up to cap the year off!

If you’re interested in academics and perhaps the pursuit of graduate studies, I highly recommend the visiting speaker series coming up for the next few Friday’s. You will hear from leaders in their field about some of the cutting-edge research they are working on and have the opportunity to discuss these topics with AC professors.

On a final note, elections for next year’s DASA team are taking place as I write this. I highly recommend you get out there and vote. I say this because I sincerely care about the AC and DASA - I want all students to have a voice in their governance. It’s been a great honor working with DASA for the past two years and I look forward to seeing what the future execs have in store.

Embrace the day,
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A Letter from the Editor

Hey Aggies!

I hope everyone has made it through midterms in one piece and enjoyed their study break! Can you believe another school year has almost passed us by?

With the year winding down and deadlines approaching don’t forget to take care of yourselves! There are still a lot of fun and exciting events happening around campus throughout the month of March, be sure to keep informed through the DASA Facebook page or check into the DASA lounge and see what’s happening on the calendar. If you’re interested in a free tour to Sugarmoon Farms or Tatamagouche Brewery check in with Jason in the Cultiv8 space at the library. These Cultiv8 events are a great way to meet fellow Aggies and learn more about entrepreneurship in the immediate area. I hope to see some new faces at these events!

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WUSC Bake Sale & Valentine’s Activities

By: Lenka Wicha

Last week your local WUSC committee put on a notable Valentine’s Day bake sale to raise funds for our Student Refugee Program (SRP). We had all kinds of goodies for every kind of sweet tooth, including vegan and gluten-free ones!! Everything from festively decorated cookies to chocolate covered popcorn to cute gift bags full of brownies with some terrible (yet amazing) holiday puns. One of my personal favorites being, “You look RADISH-ing” with a picture of a radish instead of the word.

There was even representation from the Vegan Educational Group (VEG) giving away FREE vegan Valentine’s day chocolates with cute cards plus your two peer-educators made a special guest appearance doing a Love Your Body and STI campaign.

The afternoon was a huge success and WUSC ended up selling out, managing to raise over $320 for the SRP, while having lots of fun!! The WUSC committee got together earlier in the week to bake all the nice homemade goodies and thanks to the generosity of Dr. Rathgeber and Margie Hartling, we were able to bake everything right here at school kitchens in Haley.

I really hope everyone who came out to support us enjoyed themselves and loved the goodies. We are planning to make our bake sale an annual thing, and with your comments and support we can make it better every year!! If you have any feedback, advice or even questions about joining our club please do not hesitate to contact Lenka Wicha at lenka.wicha@dal.ca or feel free to find me on Facebook.
The 33rd Annual Rick Russell Woodsmen Competition was one for the history books. The competition started with a bang and the wood chips were flying! The McMillian Show Center was packed as Dr. Dean Gray started off the competition with a lightning fast opening cut! Early in the morning, the log burling competition was fierce down on the field. AC Mens 1 braped his way to the finals only to be defeated by the line dancing machine Scott Withrow of the Mens 2 Team. After First place pulp throws for Men’s and Women’s A Teams, Seanna Wells and Ethan Reashore both took the win in the axe throw! As the morning events drew to a close, we saw some speedy climbs on the 30 foot poles to the rafters, but none faster than the AC pole climbers Mel Porter and Kyle Corsten who sent it to the top and took home first prize in their events. Hillary Schramm certainly put on a show when she ripped through her single buck cut taking the victory over a very strong field.

The afternoon events showed teams going head to head in team sawing and chopping events. Saws were singing and axes were swinging. Kyle Corsten and Connor Morse took home the victory in the underhand chop, narrowly edging out the field. The final event of the day was the fan favorite water boil! Connor Morse took the win in that event with Murray Clements of the AC close behind.

Following the competition, the awards took place in the Barn! The Women’s A team finished in first place and the women’s B team finished fifth overall. In the Men’s Division, the Men’s A Team also took home the competition victory after an error was corrected in the score sheet and the Men’s B team took home a very impressive 3rd overall. Amazing finishes buy all teams. But, the most amazing victory of the day was pulled off by Jon Omvlee and Jacob ter Beek wining the dreaded quarter split event and breaking the AC curse!

Thanks to all of our volunteer judges and timers that helped us put on our event, as well as all of theaggies in the crowd cheering us on!

Aggies Once, Aggies Twice!
Brap, Brap!
Woodsmen Weekend- Captured Moments!
By: Judy Smith

Various images captured throughout the day of the Dalhousie Agriculture Campus Woodsmen Teams! GO RAMS!
Introducing Two NEW on Campus Clubs!

Dal AC Wildlife Club

Major deforestation, increasing number of endangered species, habitat loss and increase in animal attacks. People fear and steal from the wild, but rarely want to look at how they can help by something as small as volunteering in local facilities.

Our club is going to focus on the misconceptions of wild animals and how we can help them with the resources around us. Small steps can make big changes. Student can get a chance to explore and gain experiences with the wildlife in Canada. It will enable you to learn about exotic animals and endangered species, and the chance to get experience in fundraising, volunteering, interacting with wildlife and learning from other people’s experience with wildlife. A fun but educational club! Raising awareness in the Truro community and gaining knowledge for future opportunities and most importantly helping the ones in need and who aren’t able to communicate their discomfort. We are looking for people passionate and a strong love for animals, if you don’t have a strong love this club just might change your mind.

The club doesn’t officially start until Fall 2018 (September). There is a Facebook group called (Dal AC Wildlife Group) to make sure you don’t miss out when it does start: https://www.facebook.com/groups/DalACWildlife/ Join the group and don’t miss out on all the fun. You can always message one of us at rguha@dal.ca or Haley.Ares1@dal.ca if you have any questions or want more information!

Vegan Education Group (VEG).

Calling all veggies (and the veg-curious)! If you are interested in sustainability, healthy living, social justice, or just making delicious food on a student budget, come check out the Vegan Education Group - VEG Club!

We are an open and inclusive group for all students, regardless of current lifestyle. We are a laid-back club with an active Facebook page where we share recipes, articles, and cute animal videos too!

Past events have included meet-ups, potlucks and a Valentine's Day chocolate giveaway; future events may include film screenings, a charity bake sale, vegan ice cream social, and a club trip to North Mountain Animal Sanctuary!

For more club info or to get involved contact Alex at alexandra.macdonald@dal.ca, and join us on Facebook at Dal AC Vegan Education Group (VEG)!
Hey Aggies,

Elections are still in full swing, after Scott Withrow was elected President, we immediately began preparation for the VP elections.

There are 4 VP positions up for grabs. Administration, Internal, External and Finance. Nominations open on February 26th and close on March 2nd at 4:30pm. Nomination forms are in the DASA lounge, so if you’re interested in representing your peers as a member of the DASA executive, get your friends to nominate you and hand your form in by 4:30 on Friday, March 2nd.

Nominations: February 26 – March 2
Campaigning: March 5 – March 9
Elections: March 12 – March 14

If you aren’t running for a DASA position, be sure to have your voice heard and vote. Check the DASA Facebook page to see where voting stations will be throughout campus during the voting period.

Enrolled on the DSU/DASA Health & Dental Plan?

Be sure to check us out online at [www.studentvip.ca/dsu](http://www.studentvip.ca/dsu) to review your benefits, submit claims, download documents & even live chat with us. You have great benefits such as massage, travel coverage, vision, dental & more!

If you are an international student, remember that you have coverage to visit the doctor on campus through your DSU/DASA International Health Plan! Visit [www.internationalhealth.ca/dsu](http://www.internationalhealth.ca/dsu) to review your coverage, download a brochure in your language, find a local doctor & live chat with our team.

If you have any questions, pop by the health plan office in the Dairy Building or email us at dalhealthtruro@dal.ca
STI SELF-TEST KITS

See the Nurses in Health Services to get a test!

- STI can be transmitted orally, anally & vaginally
- Get tested at least once a year if you have the same partner or every time you have a new partner

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH
Awards & Nomination submissions can be found at [dal.ca/impact](http://dal.ca/impact)!

Make sure to select the Truro Campus Link!!!

Nominate your Fellow students for the 2018 IMPACT Awards

Nominations for the AC close on Friday March 16th!

ONLINE UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY COURSES

Do you require University preparatory courses?

Take them over the summer. Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture in Truro, Nova Scotia is offering three University preparatory courses online!

**MTHA 0050:** Functions

**CHMA 0050:** Preparatory Chemistry

**PHYS 0050:** Introductory Physics

**BEGINNING**

July 4th – August 31st 2018
Are you finding school to be stressful? Too many finals? Take a few minutes and relax, refocus and carry on!

**Winter Word Search Puzzle**

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F S K A T I N G  H O C K E Y  V
V U S B J T M P  W O L P T D W
P T N P B O O T S  F Y  S A L T
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A N I H V B P A P W B M N S T
L I L O B B E N N L O L I K P
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X I N E D B Y W W X J P S I U
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**Jokes**

What did baby corn say to mommy corn?  
Where’s popcorn?

What did the nut say when it was chasing the other nut?  
I’m a cashew!

Can a kangaroo jump higher than a house?  
Of course, houses don’t jump.
The Dal Agricultural Theatre Society Presents

GAME OF TIARAS

by Don Zolidis

March 22, 23, 24
7:30pm Alumni Theatre

$15 Adult, $5 Student
Tickets available at MacQuarrie's Pharmasave and at the door

◆ Directed by Joye Sears ◆
◆ Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. ◆
◆ Produced by the Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Union ◆

ACTS
Dal-AC Theatre Society
Upcoming House Challenges!

The year is not over yet and there are still lots of house points to be won! Be sure to get out these upcoming intramurals and earn your house some points! Keep checking the DASA Lounge or DASA Facebook page for other house challenges!