

the Golden Ram



January 2018

Scholarship Banquet 2017

On November 16th, the Faculty of Agriculture celebrated the success of student award recipients, and honoured the donors that make possible these scholarships and bursaries. The Faculty of Agriculture awards over 200 donor-sponsored undergraduate and graduate scholarships and bursaries each year, recognizing academic achievement, leadership, athletics, community involvement, and involvement in agriculture. This year's group of student award recipients again demonstrated a commitment to high achievement both in and out of the classroom.

Five awards were conferred for the first time this fall: PY Hamilton Scholarships, Estabrooks Family Scholarship, Valacta Dairy Scholarship, Jack Johnson Agricultural Athletics Award, Andrew Wilson Scholarship.

Guest Speaker Holly Fisher provided personal insight as a scholarship recipient, and the important role that donors play in recognizing student achievement and supporting student success.

Congratulations to all award recipients!



Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture Awards

Chris van den Heuvel (donor)

Julia Vosman NSFA (100th Anniversary Scholarship)

Ryan Porter (NSFA Scholarship)

Natasha Cox (Friends of the Federation Scholarship)

Katelyn Stokes (Ira L. Rhodenizer Memorial Scholarship)



Alumni Family Bursaries

Nichole van Dyk, Natasha Cox
Cynthia Campbell, Ryan Porter, Mandy Smith, Alisha Johnson and Audrie-Jo McConkey (Alumni Association)
Katie McCallum, Jonathan Bent, Nellie Wood, Ella Wood, Daniel McCallum, Mollie Pickard



Valacta Dairy Scholarship

Jeff Gunn

Samantha Christie



Jack Johnson Agricultural Athletics Award

Jack Johnson

Shanice Maxwell

President's Corner- PUB UPDATE!

Hey everyone,

On behalf of DASA I would like to thank each of you for your patience these past seven weeks as we have worked on a plan going forward relating to the The Barn's operations. I would like to formally thank those who have offered their help during this time. Your support is kindly appreciated, and it demonstrates the importance of The Barn to our campus environment.

In meeting with DASA's Board of Directors, the Bible Hill RCMP, and various members our university's administration, our aim is to resume pub operations by **Thursday, February 8th** in time for Woodsmen Weekend. This will be a very important event for us, so stay posted on our Facebook Page: fb.me/DalAggies for information on ticket sales.

We truly look forward to having our beloved pub up and running once more – I hope to see each of you out there!

Jeremy Stroud
DASA President
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A Letter from the Editor

Hey Aggies!



Happy New Year fellow Aggies! I hope everyone's 2018 is off to an amazing start. I don't know about you all, but I have a feeling this year is going to be fantastic! Getting back into the swing of things after a well needed rest can be hard, stay focused, motivated and just remember warmer weather will be back before you know it!

Entering 2018 means we have entered Dalhousie's bi-centennial year! Be sure to keep up with all the fun events happening around campus in the coming months. I also want to remind students that you can submit an article to me to feature in The Golden Ram whenever you'd like! If there is something going on at the school, in the community or across the globe you feel your fellow Aggies should know about write an article (250-400 words) and send it along!

Lauren Pattison
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House Updates

We asked the four house presidents what's been happening so far, this year and what's to come. Here is what they had to say...

Chapman House

Chapman House is still doing well in the house challenges. There is good attendance from our house to the activities that are planned by DASA. This gives us a good number of points. There is a house apparel order going out within the next couple of weeks to give a chance for Chapman to show their house pride at the events and around campus. There will be hoodies, t-shirts, and long sleeve shirts available. Winter activities are underway, we have house challenge hockey, snowshoeing and skating through DASA, and a scavenger hunt. We are planning a trip to Halifax with the other houses, giving all of the residence students the opportunity to see a Halifax Mooseheads game. House council is looking forward to all of the activities in the New Year!

-Laura Murphy, House President



Trueman House

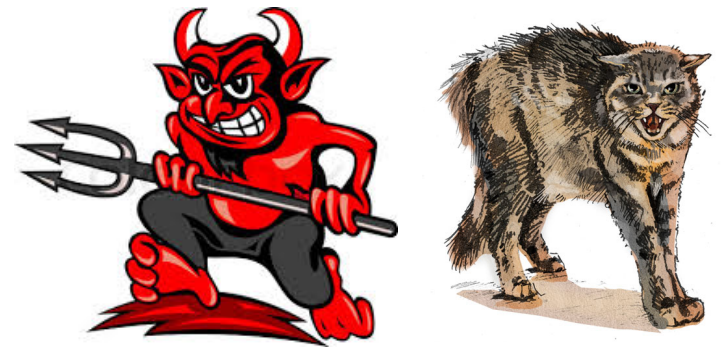
We're excited to start off the Winter semester, there are lots of events happening on campus. Our house this term is doing like a mini house challenge among the sections in our house. Our activities will include things like house movies, game nights and more. We are hoping to get our residents to get more involved in DASA house challenge's as well as to get them interacting with one another. Once again, this semester we have a mega calendar in our lobby that lists the events happening around campus.

-Bri Carkner, House President

Fraser House

Our hockey team is looking very promising for the upcoming weeks for the house challenges. We hope that after hockey is over we will have moved up in terms of the house points. We are having a house meeting in order to bring forward all the ideas we discussed last semester and see what the overall house consensus is. We hope to get our house more involved with one another and the other house as well in the coming months.

-Scott Palmer, House President



Town House

Town House members are getting settled into the new semester and showed strong house spirit through good participation in the 'Frost Week' activities. We are hoping to bounce back from the first game in the R-Walk cup, and continue our lead for house points.

-Scott Withrow, House President

Words from the Woodlot

Hello Wood Folk,

The Lumber Jacks and Jill's are excited to be back swinging those 5-pound RAZOR sharp axes in the Arctic Air of the AC woodlot. The Men's and Women's teams have both had strong showings at the first two competitions of the year and are both chasing National CILA titles in the second half of the year.

The men's A team is sitting 2nd in the league after the first half of the season with the women's A team finding themselves in third place overall. Both teams are within striking distance of the first-place teams and have been training hard to win those CILA trophies. Both B teams have had strong showings at the first two competitions as well! The men's B team finishing the second competition of the year in 4th place and The UNB Competition in 5th place. The women's B team finishing first in Water Boil and Log Decking.

The 33rd Annual Rick Russell Woodsmen will be the final competition of the season and will be here in Truro at the McMillian show Center on February 10th, 2017! Admission is only \$5 for the action-packed day. There will be roughly 200 competitors competing 14 different events during the competition. The event will start at 8:30am and run until 5pm with the ECHO Challenge being the highlight of the day starting at 11:30am. Come on out to the competition and don't forget to pick your favorite and cheer them on!

We are currently looking for volunteer timers to help with the competition. If you are interested, please sign up in the DASA lounge.

Don't miss out on the action and make sure you are there to see goldilocks race up the climbing pole!

Aggies once, aggies twice!

Sincerely,

Cmorsie & Bekkers

2018



Winter Activities for All Aggies!

By: Garlic Fingers



Here is a list of local activities for all winter indoor or outdoor enthusiasts! Grab some friends (or find a friend in residence with a car) and check out these activities to take a break from the stress of studying and writing lab reports!

1. **Ski Wentworth** offers skiing and snowboarding lessons for any level of expertise! Check out: skiwentworth.ca for pricing and events (35-minute drive from Bible Hill).

2. **Hike Nova Scotia** offers winter guided snowshoe hikes from January to March throughout the province! Visit www.hikenovascotia.ca for guided tour times and locations.

3. Enjoy an all-day brunch and tour at **Sugar Moon Farm** for the best maple experience! Open 10AM-4PM Fri/Sat/Sun. Snowshoes are also available to rent to hike the near-by Rogart Mountain Trail (25 drive from Bible Hill).

4. Check out the Caldwell-Roach **outdoor skating rink** in the Truro Civic Square. The rink is open daily to the public until 11PM and is a 25-minute walk from campus. Skates are free to rent from the Douglas Street Elementary School.

5. **Hamilton Sleigh & Wagon Rides** is located just minutes from campus in Onslow. Check out their Facebook page or call 902-897-7480 to book a ride!

6. Free **Scottish Ceilidh Dancing** classes presented by Bible Hill Recreation at the Village Hall on Wednesday nights. Call 902-893-8083 or brown@biblehill.ca to sign up!

7. Check out **Clay Café** at 600 Prince Street and relieve some stress through painting a funky mug or ornament! Open M-F 10AM-8PM and Sat/Sun 10AM-6PM. Call 902-843-4070 to register for canvas acrylic painting classes on Saturdays!

8. Don't forget to stay warm by visiting the **Stanfield's Factory Outlet** at 1 Logan Street for some winter long johns and socks! (15-minute walk from campus) Stay tuned for the **Winter Long John Festival** hosted by Truro Parks, Recreation, and Culture

9. **Victoria Park** is just as exciting and fun in the winter as it is in the summer months! Lots of hiking and walking trails as well as waterfalls are found within the park to explore!

10. Enjoy swimming, rock wall climbing, walking/running track, and watching hockey games at the **Truro RECC**! Call 902-893-2224 for more information for events and pricing.

11. **Snowshoes and cross-country skis** are available to rent for free from the Village of Bible Hill at 902-893-8083. The Cobequid Trail running through campus makes for a great snowshoe adventure!

Enjoy these winter activities from yours truly,

Garlic Fingers



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Traditional Mi'kmaq February Feast

**Coming Together
in the Spirit of
Truth and Reconciliation**

FEBRUARY

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4:30PM - 8:30PM
JENKINS HALL
TRURO CAMPUS



Everyone Welcome!

Truro campus International office in partnership with Indigenous Student Services is hosting an evening of reflection and exploration on the topic of Truth and Reconciliation between Canada and our Indigenous peoples. The best part is **YOUR INVITED TO ATTEND!**

4:30 PM Blanket Exercise

What is a Blanket Exercise? Delivered by KAIROS, the Blanket Exercise is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

5:30 PM Elder Guided Talking Circles

Engage with others in talking circles guided by Indigenous community Elders on the concepts and realities of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.

6:30 PM Traditional Mi'kmaq February Feast

Join us for Mi'kmaq traditional feast. In Mi'kmaq culture the feeding of Apuknajit is a time of giving thanks to the Spirits during the most difficult time of winter for surviving thus far and to ask for blessings until spring.

SPECIAL GUEST

PERFORMANCE BY



SAMQUAN BOYZ

MILLBROOK FIRST NATION YOUTH DRUM

RSVP by JAN. 31, 2018
FOR FULL/PARTIAL ATTENDANCE

INTDALAC@DAL.CA

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The Apuknajit Feast is a unique opportunity for our students to open a dialogue with community members on truth and reconciliation. It is free for all AC students, and DASA is excited to be there!

We hope to see Aggies there on **February 8th at 4:30pm** - please RSVP ahead of time with
IntDalAC@DAL.CA

DASA's Frost Week!

By: Mollie Pickard

To kick off the Winter 2018 semester DASA hosted "Frost Week" the first week of classes. Aggies participated in many activities over the week in a reorientation to campus! It all began with the kickoff on Tuesday January 9th in DASA lounge with the launch of the Photo Scavenger Hunt, Jellybean Guess, and House Challenge Coloring Contest. On Tuesday Aggies headed on down to the Truro Square for a little skating and hot chocolate. On Wednesday, our very own Ashley Coffin hosted DASA's Game of Games at The Barn and DASA was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and participation from the houses. Sadly, due to unfortunate weather snowshoeing on Thursday afternoon was postponed. However, stay tuned during the next weeks for rescheduled snowshoeing! On Sunday evening Frost Week came to a wrap up with the kick off of the R-Walk House Hockey Tournament. Chapman vs Trueman game went to Chapman. Fraser and Townhouse battled it out on the ice for a hard-fought win to Fraser House. There was an outstanding turn out for fans and players, way to go Aggies!

House Point Breakdown for Frost Week:

DASA's Game of Games

1st Place: Chapman

2nd Place: Fraser

3rd Place: Townhouse

4th Place: Trueman

Coloring contest judged by the esteemed Jin Yue

1st place: Chapman

2nd place: Trueman

3rd place: Townhouse

4th place: Fraser

R-Walk Tournament

1st: Fraser

2nd: Townhouse

1st: Chapman

Scavenger Hunt:

1st Place: Townhouse



Take a Minute to...Relax...

Are you finding school to be stressful? Too many finals? Take a few minutes and relax, refocus and carry on!



Here is the puzzle. Good luck!

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**c'mon, inner peace.
I don't have all day.**



INSPIRATION

"Time you enjoy wasting, is not wasted time."

-Marthe Trolly-Curtin

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success."

-Shiv Khera

Jokes

How many tickles does it make for an octopus to laugh?

Ten-Tickles!

Why don't you play poker in the jungle?

Too many cheetahs!

What day do potatoes hate the most?

Fry-Day!



STAY ON TRACK



Dal on Track is for students with a 2.3 GPA or lower in their 1st or 2nd year who wish to improve their academic standing.

Find out more at:

https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/On-track.html

Sign up @ [dal.ca/ontrack](https://www.dal.ca/ontrack) **BEFORE JANUARY 31**

Call for Submissions- Enter the 2018 Show!



It's the 5th Annual
Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture



Student, Staff, Faculty and Alumni Fine Art & Fine Craft Show



Let the Creative Aggie mind blow you away !

March 1-7, 2018 at the MacRae Library.

Contact: Crystal Fullerton via email at artshowdalac@gmail.com

Club Updates!

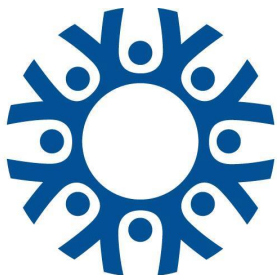
Check out what these AWESOME clubs around campus are planning for this coming semester and how you can get involved!

World University Services of Canada (WUSC)

WUSC, World University Services of Canada, has had a Local Committee at Dal AC for over 20 years. Yet, something I have encountered since becoming co-chair of the Local Committee is that 90% of people reading this know nothing about who we are or what we do.

We are passionate people who love helping others and the world; our most important project is the Student Refugee Program (SRP). Every year, a refugee is given the opportunity to live in Canada while (and after) attending Dal AC. Through the help of the SRP and students, we can sponsor the student for a full 12 months and prepare them for independent life, after sponsorship. However, the SRP is not our only program.

We are working very hard to be the first school in Nova Scotia with a Fair-Trade certification!! We put on bake sales, fundraisers, panel discussions and much more! Equally important, we get together as a group just to have fun sometimes. ☺ We have weekly meetings (though not mandatory to attend all) where we talk about some of the issues refugees face and how we can help inform students about the significant injustice around the world. There are many opportunities for self-learning through online seminars and even in-person seminars across Canada. Being part of WUSC is not just joining a club at the AC, it is about joining a family at school and having an even larger family outside of school. Contact lenka.wicha@dal.ca if you have any further inquiries or want to join!

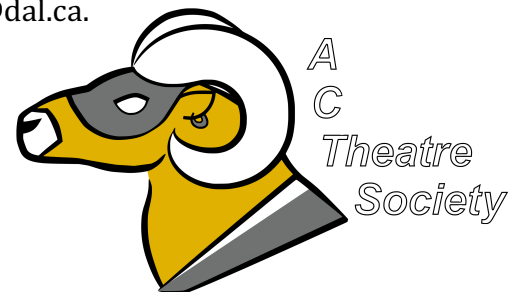


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DAL AC Theatre Society

The Dal AC Theatre Society has exciting news! This year we will be presenting “Game of Tiaras” by Don Zolidis on **March 22-24 at the Alumni Theatre**. Rehearsals are well underway for this excellent show, which combines “Game of Thrones” and Disney princesses into a murder-filled romp that is fun for the whole family! Watch as Cinderella schemes to rid the Magical Kingdom (of England) of all other contenders to the throne. We have a number of cameo appearances by Dalhousie Faculty members that simply can’t be missed!

We still have some room to grow our cast (small roles for guards and soldiers) and crew (looking for hair/makeup support, ticket sellers, publicity) and we would love to have you join us! We rehearse on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. If you are interested in joining us on stage or helping out behind the scenes, please contact Joye at joye.sears@dal.ca.



SAIL
STUDENT ADVANCEMENT IN LEADERSHIP

Join us the Student Leadership Certificate Program
every Thursday Night in **Cox 260** for **6:00-8:00pm**. Email Monica Sani for more information
m.sani@dal.ca

Club Updates! *Continued...*

Agrology Club

Last semester the Agrology club went to Sugar Moon Farm, a local maple syrup producing farm and restaurant. We got to enjoy a delicious breakfast featuring many of their different maple syrup products, and had a tour of their facility, learning all about the production of maple syrup and the history of Sugar Moon Farm. A master's student at the AC, Sawyer Olmstead joined us one evening to speak about honey production, bees and about his work and interest in it. We got to taste honey produced from different plant sources, see real honeycomb and different tools used in the honey production.

This semester we have more exiting events coming up! We will be helping out in some Agriculture Awareness events aimed at educating children/youth about Agriculture. There is also some planning underway for a trip to Upperbrook Farm (sheep farm), Charles Hill & Son Ltd. (dairy farm) and Northumberland (Lamb Marketing Cooperative).

A reminder that you don't have to be a member of the Agrology club to attend these events, everyone is welcome to come! Email me at brooke.k.mcneil@dal.ca if you have any questions and/or if you would like to attend any of the upcoming events, and check out the Facebook page 'Dal AC Agrology Club'.



Pre-Vet Club

The semester has kicked off for Pre-Vet club, our students are starting volunteering in the campus barns. We have several volunteer opportunities once again. Our club has been doing fundraising throughout the year to get new supplies for the sheep unit, we will be purchasing our new supplies over the next few months. New members are always welcome to the club at any time and can be at AC studying any program. Our upcoming events are February 6 a Video Call with 2 former AC students who are now studying at the Atlantic Veterinary College in PEI. The final Pre-Vet meeting of the semester will be March 29, any students interested in running for Pre-Vet Executive positions are required to be there.



Dalhousie Aquaculture Student Society

The Aquaculture Society is new this year, and has already had an exciting launch! With over 30 members, the group has various opportunities for participants. The group had an open discussion with fish veterinarian, Dr. Anthony Snyder.

Joy Galloway-Jones came in to discuss possible Aquaculture Internship Opportunities. Members were able to hear Aquaculture Industry members present on their companies and potential employment opportunities. Members within the group are planning on attending Aquaculture Association Nova Scotia Conference. On-going training sessions are available to receive an Aquaculture Training Certificate and gain volunteer experience within the Aquaculture Centre. There will be a tour of Millbrook Fish Hatchery this semester. New members and ideas are always welcome!





All games at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre

Jan 14th	9pm Chapman vs Trueman 10pm Fraser vs Townhouse
Jan 21st	9pm Fraser vs Chapman 10pm Trueman vs Townhouse
Jan 28th	9pm Trueman vs Fraser 10pm Townhouse vs Chapman
Feb 4th	9pm 3rd Place Game 10pm Championship Game