

the Golden Ram



Dalhousie Agricultural Student's Association

October 2017

COLLEGE ROYAL 2017

"It's in our Nature"

Our College Royal event was a huge success again this year, we had roughly 140 staff and students participate. Our event involved 3 shows again this year; Poultry, Sheep and Dairy, College Royal is an exceptional opportunity for our students that is only possible with the support of DASA, Jean Lynds and the RAC Staff, and all the encouragement and support that the faculty give students.

Every participant that was involved in our show on Friday showed what it means to be a true Aggie, all the Dal AC students Novice & Experienced had a successful day did an incredible job showing. We had some incredible showmen this year, we want to say a huge congratulation to:

Overall Champion Dairy Showmen: **Cora Sharp**
Overall Reserve Champion Dairy Showmen: **Elly Reid**
Overall Champion Sheep Showmen: **Morgan Johns**
Overall Reserve Champion Sheep Showmen: **Makenzie Rooney**
Overall Champion Poultry Showmen: **Bryanna Richardson**
Overall Reserve Champion Poultry Showmen: **Lisa Clements**
Overall Grand-Champion Showmen: **Cora Sharp**
Overall Reserve-Grand Champion Showmen: **Elly Reid**



Dean Dr. David Gray (center) with Overall Grand Champion Cora Sharp (left) and Overall Reserve Champion Elly Reid (right)



President's Corner

It's the most wonderful time of the year, Aggies!

Seriously, I love Octobers at the AC and I wrote some tips to ensure you feel the same way.

First, don't let the mid-terms bring you down. You're better than that. In the wise words of Banksy: "If you get tired, learn to rest not to quit."

Next, I recommend you take the time to appreciate Nova Scotia's fall foliage, its rolling hills and its crisp air. We are incredibly fortunate to be living in a gorgeous province like this.

Tip 3? Pumpkins. Take part in DASA's pumpkin carving contest, go pumpkin shopping at the chef's garden, take a bite of that lovely Chartwell's pumpkin pie. In all honesty, I don't even like pumpkin spice lattes, but if they tickle your fancy then go for those too.

Lastly, you've got to take part in all that is offered here to truly appreciate this month. I realize a number of you are likely still recovering from College Royal weekend, but there's so much more to look forward to: Sunday Night Intramural Soccer, Halloween Pub, Monday Yoga sessions, Haunted Corn Maze tours, On-Farm Animal visits, Chef's Harvest on the Hill!

To finish this address on a high note, I would like to thank each of you for the charitable work that has been contributed so far, this semester. We are proud to have exceeded our goal for the Shinerama fundraiser with \$1,047 donated to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation. What's more, we have also worked to gather over 1,235 pounds of food for our annual Drive Away Hunger campaign, that's 188 more pounds than last year! That's what being an Aggie is truly about! Next stop? Movember!!

Jeremy Stroud
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A Letter from the Editor

Hello fellow Aggies!



I cannot believe another month has flown by! I hope everyone is settled in and enjoying their time at the AC so far! As we are now in the midst of midterms be sure to not neglect yourself! Taking an hour between studying can make a huge difference in your focus. Take a break, go for a beautiful walk in Victoria Park, hit the gym or spend some time with friends!

A big thank you to those that have contributed to the RAM so far, this year! I would love to add in more student written articles. If you are passionate about a certain topic or feel you have something to say that your fellow student body would benefit from reading please submit a 150-300 word write-up to me for the November issue! One house point will be awarded per article, so get those submissions in!

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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 currently having fun in a wide variety of activities. We show a large amount of Halloween spirit by decorating our doors spookily for a door decorating contest, and attending a haunted corn maze at River Breeze Farms. We have lots of friendly competitions going on between each housemate, and also between the three other houses. We are playing a game of assassins, trying to be the last one left in order to win a prize. We have won every soccer game so far against the three other houses. We are currently in second place for house points, but with the food drive, house sports, and special events, we are working on making our way to the top. With all of the exciting activities going on we are also taking time to relax and enjoy ourselves by having movie nights in the basement lounge with some popcorn and candy. After the Halloween season is over and the rush of midterms are completed, we plan on making a trip to Halifax to attend a Halifax Mooseheads game. This gives us a night out to add another way for "Chapman house" to become a "Chapman family".

-Laura Murphy, House President



Trueman House

Trueman house is excited to be back into the swing of the academic semester. We're excited for our upcoming events, Halloween Door decorating contest and getting our clothing order together. We are also doing a special project to go along with the Eco-Olympics, we are going to make a Christmas tree out of recycled egg cartoons. On a weekly basis, our house had Sunday movie nights and Tuesday American Horror Story movie nights.

-Bri Carkner, House President

Fraser House

Fraser house is looking at new shirts for the house as well as new house gifts, we are doing haunted hallway again this year on Oct 29th. We plan on starting a movie night so we can get the house more involved with each other. We are hoping to get some more wins when it comes to the house challenges, because we don't wanna be the year that loses it. We also are going to be doing to the haunted corn maze this year this week coming up. As of right now we are still in 2nd place for the house cup, but that could change once it's updated from the past week. We play Chapman in soccer this week if we win it we will have gone undefeated. We elected three new house council members this year Leah Hocquard is social coordinator, Nellie Wood is environmental rep and Laura Groves is food rep.

-Scott Palmer, House President



TownHouse

Townhouse is doing a great job at the house competitions and is holding a steady lead in the house points. We are planning on working hard to maintain this lead. Also, we are looking at potentially organizing activities for townhouse members to go to as a group such as the corn maze and other such events. Stay tuned for more updates!

-Scott Withrow, House President

What's Happening in the Gardens?

The Chefs Garden

The Chefs Garden is a little-known gem on the Truro campus, it started from humble beginnings in 2011. Meghan Summers, a 4th year student had the idea of starting a garden on campus to celebrate food, provide vegetables to the chef, and educate the public and students on vegetable gardening.

For me, the celebration of food is what really resonates. There is nothing quite like good food to bring people together and the garden has been both a catalyst and instigator in this celebration. The garden has managed to provide food not only for the Chef, but also to 30 brave students who signed up for a weekly box of vegetables. The vegetable box program is in its first year, but hopefully it will remain for many years. The recipes shared, and stories told about the food cooked with these fresh local vegetables has been inspiring.

This summer the garden was looked after by Mike Main (plant science faculty) with the help of the three Ag students, Brooke McNeil, Niran Foster, and Tim Morcom, as well as Vincent Bonse, and David Dilrosun Two IFB students. The season commenced, seeds were started, transplants planted, and hoop-houses built. As I'm sure for everyone, this summer flew by and after only a few calamities and some very persistent crows, September approached, and the school year was upon us.

From the gardens inception students have played a key role in running, maintaining, and supporting the garden and this year has been like no other. The student support for the garden has been outstanding with support, ideas, and volunteers not afraid to get dirty working in the garden. Each one of us has taken something from the garden, that being a love for fresh local food that deserves to be celebrated.

I have been lucky enough to be a part of this excellent NSAC tradition and I look forward to stepping aside and watching new students collaborate and create within the school gardens.

Tim Morcom



What's Happening in the Gardens?

DAL AC Community Garden

Another season of gardening is coming to an end for the 2017 year of the Dal AC Community Garden. The garden is in its 12th year of providing space for students, faculty and community members to plant, grow and harvest their own food.

This year we were able to utilize more area of the garden to expand the number of plots to 56 for an increased number of interested gardeners. Thanks to the continuous support from our campus, the garden is now truly cherished by the international community, with gardeners from more than ten countries.

The diversity exhibits not only among gardeners, but also between different plants, from marigold and sunflower to garlic and bok choy. Students turned their farming knowledge into fresh organic vegetables, significantly improving the quality of their meal and reducing the grocery budget. With its popularity, DASA will be looking for chair(s) in the Spring for the 2018 year to help organize and further improve the DAL AC Community Garden.

Qi Liu and Kayla Graham

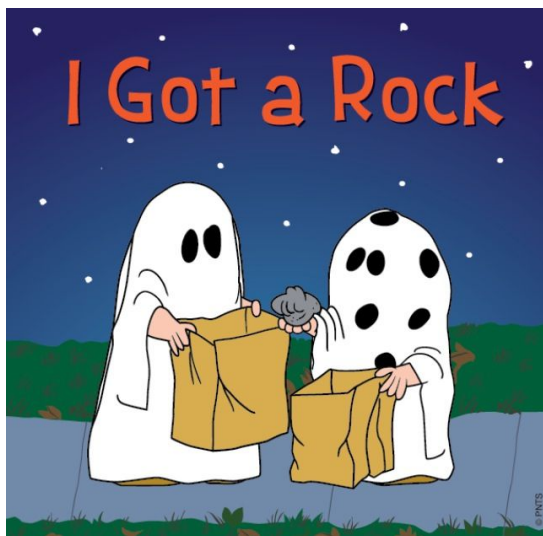


Are You Ready for an AC Halloween!?

By: Lauren Pattison

It's almost the scariest time of the year, and no I'm not talking about exams. That's right, it's Halloween! Whether this is your first Halloween at the AC or a tradition you have come to love, it's safe to say Halloween is an event most students look forward to every year!

Whether you're costume ready or still thinking about what to dress up as on this special night, let me remind you of one thing. Halloween at the AC is always a great time to express your inner self. Whether you've always wanted to be a rock star, hipster, farmer or sandwich there is one night a year where this is deemed socially acceptable.



When choosing a costume there are a few things that need to be considered. Be sure to wear something comfortable, you'll want to avoid ripping any fabric or possible wardrobe malfunctions on the D-Floor. If you are REALLY stuck for a costume, a plaid shirt and cowboy(girl) boots and a hat is an acceptable option, although seen as lazy and I'd advise against this 'costume'. The more effort you put in, the better you'll feel, the more fun you'll have out with your friends...FACT! Get creative, have fun! Take a jaunt down to Wal-Mart, you never know what you're going to find. Pub will be October 28th, Halloween pub tends to fill The Barn up pretty quickly, so don't head over at the last minute.

Now, if you don't think going out for Halloween is really your thing, that's okay! The best day, November 1st is a day everyone can partake in, the day all the Halloween candy goes on clearance! I wish everyone a safe and fun Halloween, be sure to channel your inner self, eat lots of candy, carve pumpkins and celebrate however suits your fancy!

Take a Minute to...Relax...

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



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TRACTOR
TRUEMAN
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INSPIRATION

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."

-Babe Ruth

"And also, don't forget, the reason opportunity is often missed is that it usually comes disguised as hard work."

-Clifford Irving

Jokes

Why can't the bankrupt cowboy complain?
He's got no beef!

What was Forest Gump's password?
1Forrest1.

Why did the farmer feed his pigs sugar and vinegar?
He wanted sweet and sour pork!

You Won't Want to Miss This!

There are always all sorts of things going on around campus. Follow the Dalhousie Agriculture Students' Association (DASA) Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on house challenges and events. Here a few things coming up you definitely won't want to miss!

Pub Update

Hey everyone!

We are midway through the semester and still have lots of great pubs coming up! In October we have our usual Friday pubs on the 20th and 27th, both are wet/dry and \$3 cover. Our themes for October are Saturday the 21st, Camo pub and on the 28th we have our Halloween pub. Both are also wet/dry and \$3 cover. Make sure you dress up for our themes and use #thebarndac! Halloween night traditionally reaches capacity so come out early there will be a lineup! November 2nd will be the last pub before our fall break. It will be Throwback Thursday and wet/dry. After the break we will have a quota party, movember, and red and green pub. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, DASA The Barn for all the details!



Your Pub Managers,

Caralee and Lauren

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Movember Kick-off in DASA @ 1pm	2 Pub Throwback Thursday Wet/Dry	3 Pictures due for best moustache competition	4 Alumni Pub
5	6 Reading Week Begins	7 -----	8 -----	9 -----	10 No Pub	11 No Pub
12	13 Remembrance Day - No Classes	14	15 Sex Toy Bingo at "The Barn" from 7-9pm	16 Scholarship Banquet	17 Wet/Dry Pub	18 Theme Night @ "The Barn"
19 House Challenge Golden Ram Submissions Due	20	21	22	23 Moustache Trivia at "The Barn" 7-9pm	24 Wet/Dry Pub	25 Movember Pub @ "The Barn" Doors Open @ 10:30pm
26 House Challenge B-ball Intramurals @ 8pm at the LAC	27	28	29	30 Movember Wrap-Up Event in DASA @ 2pm Red & Green Pub 19+	1 Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Wet/Dry	2 Last Class Bash Wet/Dry
3	4	5	6 House Challenge Festive Tree Lighting			