What an amazing week welcoming a new group of Aggies to the AC! It began September 2nd with residences open and over 200 new, timid students moving in. The first day jitters didn’t last long with a full day of activities after saying goodbye to mom and dad. Some of which included the Induction Ceremony, hay bale sculpting and dinner with new friends and roommates! The hay bale sculptures seem to get more creative as the years go by, but the 2017 house champions were the Chapman House Barbarians!

Sunday began bright and early and the weather could not have been better for another day of fun activities! Students could not wait for the most talked about orientation activity, the Bubble Barn Slip n’ Slide! By Sunday afternoon students looked as though they were long-time friends, which is one of the main goals of orientation. It was so great to see all the new friendships forming between new and existing students.

Monday was the final day of orientation activities and the AC Pride was running high all day. Orientation leaders did a great job of looking after their group of students and remaining engaged in all activities. The night ended with another amazing meal at Jenkins Hall and a county fair that had all kinds of games and prizes for students. Orientation ended on a high note with many new students winning all sorts of draw prizes!

A big thank you goes out to all who were involved in making this year’s orientation a huge success! Good luck to new students as they begin classes, I hope you find your passion!
President’s Corner

Hey Aggies, as always it's amazing how quickly September blasts by! I sincerely hope you are all settled into your programs and are starting to hit your rhythms. I know this time of year can be hectic, but don’t stress. Just remember to take a step back, breath in and enjoy life.

On behalf of Dal’s Agricultural Students’ Association (DASA); welcome to our lovely campus.

A little about us: We are the official student organization of the Agricultural Campus. DASA’s executive squad is made up of four vice presidents, a manager and a president. We facilitate events throughout the year such as Orientation, Shinerama, the House Cup and all Pub activities. Look out for College Royal and Movember coming up quickly!

Visit us at Cox 32 during the day to hang out, or for opportunities to work with us on the Student Representative Council. Don’t be a stranger if you see any of our team around - please come on out and meet us!

To stay up to date with our activities, I recommend that you like our DASA Facebook page: @Dalhousie Agricultural Students’ Association, or fb.me/DalAggies.

Have a fantastic year everyone!

Jeremy Stroud
DASA President
Jer@Dal.ca

A Letter from the Editor

Hello fellow Aggies!

My name is Lauren Pattison I am a fourth year International Food Business student and the Editor of the Golden Ram for 2017/2018! Over the past four years I have enjoyed my time here at the AC so much I wanted to get more involved in my final year. Along with the Golden Ram I bartend at The Barn and am a member of IFB Club and Clutiv8.

I plan to be at events and ensure everyone is up to date on what is going on around campus. If there is anything you would like to see in The Golden Ram or any articles you would like me to publish please feel free to submit them to me at any time using the email lr472453@dal.ca. If you see me around campus, please stop and say hello!

Looking forward to another great year at the AC!

Lauren Pattison
Editor of The Golden Ram
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Get to Know Your DASA Executive Council!

We asked the DASA Executive council some interesting questions in order for new Aggies to get to know the team better! Here is what our council wants you to know about them!

VP Internal Affairs

Kamryn Findlay
Favourite class at Dal: Aquatic Ecology
Favourite food: Garlic fingers...
Favourite movie: The Land Before Time
Person you admire the most (living or dead): Jon Bent
Who would you want to play you in a movie about your life? Anna Kendrick
Who would actually play you in a movie about your life? Fat Amy

VP External Affairs

Mollie Pickard
What’s Dal AC’s best-kept secret? The mink farm
What do you never leave home without? My dazzling smile
What do you do in your spare time? Brush my teeth
Favourite class at Dal: Calculus with Jin Yue
Favourite food: Pumpkin chocolate chip cookies
Favourite movie: The Help
Get to Know Your DASA Executive Council!
Continued...

VP Finance

Ella Wood
What do you do in your spare time?
Watch Netflix and show cows

What talent would you like to have?
Being able to rap

Favorite class at Dal:
Biology with Dr.O

Favorite food:
Cake

Who would you want to play you in a movie about your life?
Amy Schumer

Who would actually play you in a movie about your life?
Meryl Streep

VP Administration

Cora Sharp
What's Dal AC’s best-kept secret?
The Golden Ram and the Math Help Centre.

What do you never leave home without?
Crocs

What do you do in your spare time?
Think about all the schoolwork I have piling up while I’m not doing anything.

What’s your hidden talent?
Loud clapping

What talent would you like to have?
Eating and walking at the same time

Favourite food:
Anything that Brenda cooks up in her kitchen.
Well it was a bright, bright sun shiny day down at the Truro Farmers’ market as the first-year students marched down to set up for Shine day 2017. The sun was hot, but that didn’t stop us from smiling our best smiles and being enthusiastic about Shinerama! The day started off at 8:45 with a meeting in the horseshoe and a lengthy walk to the Farmers’ market. As soon we arrived, the entire population of the market had that sort of “why are you here” look on their faces. But within bout 20 minutes, set up was completed, games were ready to go, the cake was cut and the banner was hung. Instantly, everybody knew that we meant business. The events went on from 9-11:30 at which point we packed up and walked back to our beautiful campus.

That night was our annual Shine Pub, which was a huge success with over 150 people attending! The music was loud, the dance floor was bumping and everybody had a great night. If you attended pub that night, you may have realized that you were charged $4 instead of $3, well that extra dollar was your contribution to Shinerama and helping students fight cystic fibrosis! Thank you!

At 2pm on Sunday, there was a colour challenge held around campus, there were 6 teams who participated and they all had a lot of fun! The winners went home with some Farm Credit Canada donated book bags, congratulations!

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everybody who helped out and took part in our Shinerama campaign this year! We have just about reached out goal $1000 and we are extremely pleased! On sale still are the tickets for the wool blanket made from our own flock, tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The draw will be made on September 30th.
Welcome to Health Services
Dalhousie Truro Campus

We provide health care and act as your “family” physician office while on campus. We provide confidential, student-centered health care, including comprehensive medical care, counselling, and referrals. Patients must be Dalhousie University Truro Campus students. Even if you opt out of the Dalhousie student drug/insurance plan you are still welcome to see our dedicated team of physician & nursing staff. We are a division of the larger Student Services department, all of which are located in the Dairy Building on River Road beside Cumming Hall.

Please bring your provincial health card and/or any additional insurance card with the policy number (Dalhousie’s health dental plan or other plan i.e. Medavie Blue Cross, Manulife, Sunlife etc.) when you come to health services for the first time.

See our website for more information: http://www.dal.ca/about-dal/agricultural-campus/student-services/health-wellness.html

Privacy Statement- All patient information is kept strictly confidential within Health Services.

- By appointment or by chance Nursing Staff are available: Monday-Friday; 8:30am-4:30 pm

Services:
- Nursing Assessments (including minor illness assessment & treatment i.e urinary tract infections; strep throat)
- Health Counselling
- Health Education
- Urgent First Aid (lacerations, burns, sprains etc.)
- Birth Control (BCP – initiation)
- Pregnancy tests
- Plan B (Morning after pill)
- Sexually Transmitted infection (STI) testing & treatment
- Immunizations (Boosters/ Annual Flu Immunization)
- Coordination of referrals to other allied health pros (MD, physio, dentist, psychology, etc.)
- Med. Equipment Loan

- Physician Wellness clinic: By Appointment only; once per week; Mondays; 8:30am-12:30pm (call 902-893-6369/ 902-893-6300 or email Carolyn.bartlett@dal.ca / Lugene.young@dal.ca for an appointment with the physician)

Services:
- Medical Assessments & Treatment
- Referral to medical specialists

Health Services is here for you.
Help Us Help You!
Tips and Tricks to Surviving at the AC!

We asked returning students if they had any advice for new Aggies starting at the AC this year! Here is what they had to say...

The best tips and tricks to surviving the AC would include making as many friends as you can, learn to talk about cows and farming...or just learn to listen to people talk about cows and farming. Meal hall has great meals, but don’t go in expecting it to be as good as how momma used to make it.

-Scott Withrow, 3rd year Integrated Environmental Management

Be sure to try a Donnie Burger at Chartwells
The best way to make friends in residence is to keep your door open
Get involved on campus and go to house challenges and events
Go for a walk at Victoria Park, you won’t be disappointed
The best memories are made at the BARN, so be sure to check it out.

-Ella Wood, 4th year Agriculture Business

The best tips to making the most of your time at the AC would be building as many relationships as you can. Get to know your Professors, fellow classmates, floor mates, Chartwell staff and anyone you come across! It’s hard being away from home at first, knowing you have all the support you need will make your time here much more enjoyable!

-Lauren Pattison, 4th year International Food Business

Meal hall you can never go wrong with the clam strips or poutine station. As a student Victoria Park is a blast as is campus events and the LAC. What do aliens use to abduct farmers? Tractor Beams.

-Hayden Breau, 2nd year MSc, grad, 2016 BSc. Aquaculture

Meet as many people as possible, everyone is friendly. Learn what quota is, it’ll come up a lot in conversations. Have good winter boots, there is a lot of winter here. Go to Victoria Park at least once each season, It’s always beautiful!

-Taya Kehler, 3rd year, Landscape Architecture

Avoid eating grill every night in meal hall- it’ll send ya right to the can and all the weight will go straight to the hips

Pick an extra-curricular activity- club, society, sport, house challenges- having a balance for school work will stop you from going crazy

Socialize! Pub is a great place to meet new people and make new friends while on the d-floor or playing pool

Use the Math Help Center- Jin will tell jokes and teach you the ins and outs of calculus

Stay focused, have fun, and go to class!

Cheers,

Garlic Fingers
The AC Dictionary... Adapted from past Aggies

New Aggies on campus struggle with the unique lingo of the AC. Us older Aggies would like to pass along some knowledge to our next generation and help them become familiar with our language.

AGGIE: A spirited agricultural campus student who loves to support and cheer on their campus community, cares about making their surrounding world a better place, often seen yelling in the horse shoe on pub nights, laughing, strategizing, covered in body paint at House Challenges, being a team player, and promotes the importance of agriculture

BEAVER: Also known as Jenkins Hall or Meal Hall; it is the location of Chartwells Food Services and their friendly, laughing, and smiling staff; It is the site of many food experiments and often “family meals” with your soon to be residence families are partaken; Popular meals served by Chartwells include grilled cheese and tomato soup, Sunday sundaes, stir fry station; Ex: “Beaver for supper?” “Hurry up- let’s beat the line at beaver!”

COLLEGE ROYAL: A long-standing AC tradition which occurs in mid-October where students, staff, and faculty train and show livestock from our very own farm on campus; The entire campus has this Friday off of school; Often a site of hilarious occurrences at the Farmer’s Olympics, The Show, and the Royal Ball

DAIRY BOYS: Beware ladies of these cowboy boot wearin’ studs roaming around campus; A group of fine gentleman who frequently possess quota and are enrolled in the DBM program; Commonly from the Sussex and valley areas, sometimes known to be rowdy, and generous spenders at pub; While having a rough exterior, they are just humble, hardworking future farmers who like to have a good time before they settle down and looking for a good cookin’, sweet lovin’ farm wife to provide them with the next generation of AC Dairy Boys; Keys to identification: loud trucks, smell of manure, and loud speakers playing country music; Often associated with quota hunters and Christmas graduates

MARIO’S: An extremely popular pizza joint found on Pictou Road; Open late on weekends with pizza made with love by the one and only Mario; These cheese g-fings are popular for after pub nights; Ex: “I ate so much Mario’s last night that I had to change my shirt I was sweating so much” “Hi, Can I get a large g-fings to Fraser House?”

QUOTA HUNTER: A male or female interested in agriculture and in hot pursuit of a mate possessing or to eventually take over milk or chicken quota; Often seen closing in on prey at The Barn; Ex: “So how many cows are you milking these days?” “Do you have any older brothers taking over the farm?”

SHAFTING: A harmless pranking of a friend’s room by other students in residence; Can simply be flipping of mattresses or scattering of clothes throughout the room; Famous incidents include the Fraser jello incident, missing mattresses in Chapman, shaving cream in Dusty’s Room, frozen underwear, popping of bean bag chair; Frowned upon by residence staff and punishable... if caught

THE STAGE: Coveted spot on the dance floor (d-floor) at the The Barn where seasoned Aggie pub goers go to get the party started on Friday nights; Beware of the wild dancer whose risky (but very fun) moves may lead to concussions, expect sticky drink spillage, heels generally not a smart idea, avoid aggressive fist pumpers, and the dark corners and walls at the back; Breaking of ceiling tiles, beer bottles, setting off the fire extinguishers, and sharing drinks with Aggies lacking a wrist band leads to trouble and is not a wise move; Ex: “Lets hit the stage!” “Yeah I was rocking the stage last night!”

Yours in Aggies Spirit,
Garlic Fingers
Take a Minute to…Relax…

Are you finding school to be stressful? Hard getting into the rhythm of things? Take a few minutes and relax, refocus and carry on!

Here is the puzzle. Good luck!

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INSPIRATION

“Whatever negative things people think and say about you is enough to bring you down provided you believe that it carries a weight that can push you hard. Don't agree to accept what critics say; be prepared to silence them by doing what they think you can't do!”
- Israelmore Ayivor

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”
- Malcom Forbes

Jokes

Where do animals go when their tails fall off?
The retail store.

How does a train eat?
It goes chew chew.

What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for college?
Bison.
Get Involved Around Campus!

There are so many great clubs offered on campus! Here are just a few clubs that would love seeing some new, friendly faces!

Environmental Club

Are you interested in preventing natural disasters and helping out future generations? With the Environmental Club you can make an impact on the direction the world is going and take a stand for the earth. If you care about trees, clean air, clean land, clean water, healthy ecosystems, and healthy people, this is the club for you!! It’s our earth, and the only one we have. If we don’t care about the environment, who will? Please contact Shannon.O’Connor@dal.ca if you are interested in joining.

Agrology Club

Hey Aggies!
Are you a proud Aggie? Enjoy learning about all the different aspects of it from dairy cows to tomatoes to maple syrup? Farm tours? Then Agrology club is for you!
This club is flexible: it’s wonderful if you can come to everything but we’re students- we’re busy! So come check it out, keep up to date with what we’re doing! Like and follow the Facebook page ‘DAL AC Agrology Club’, and/or email me at brooke.k.mcneil@dal.ca if you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list to receive updates! The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm in the DASA lounge.

Cultiv8


That is what Cultiv8 is all about! Consider it a lab where big ideas can be tested without much risk. It’s a networking and support system where brainstorming is encouraged and failure is not an option. Come out to Culyiv8’s open house in the library @4pm on Tuesday September 19th! The program for the year will be outlined, swag giveaways, and refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you all there!

Looking for a fun way to get involved on campus this year and to develop skills for your resume?

Check out CULTIV8 for the opportunity to explore:
• Workshops and conferences on and off campus
• Access to professional mentors
• Student idea and pitch competitions with cash prizes!

Drop by our Open House on Sep 19th at 4 pm in the MacRae library for more info!
You Won’t Want to Miss This!

There are always all sorts of things going on around campus. Follow the 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 Aggies!

We hope you are as excited about the upcoming school year as we are! We are looking forward to seeing you all at pub this semester! We’ve got some great themes coming up along with our always fun weekends like College Royal and Halloween. For more information on themes and contests look out for announcements on our Facebook page DASA “The Barn” and our Instagram @thebarndac. Also, don’t forget to hashtag your pictures with #thebarndac. For any theme suggestions feel free to message us on our Facebook page!

Your Pub Managers,

Caralee and Lauren

Chartwells, your campus food service provider, wants to bring your ideas to life! If you have a project idea for advancing sustainability on campus, we want to help make it a reality. Find more information, and submit your project idea here: https://www.smore.com/c8b6r
WHO'S YOUR FARMER?

FOOD TRUCK FEST

October 12th, 4 PM - 8 PM

Alumni Gardens Parking Lot

Donations welcomed to the Colchester Food Bank

Cultiv
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Taco Stiles
Food Truck Association