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DALHOUSIE'S NEW SATIRICAL NEWSPAPER

O-WEEK LEADER IN HOSPITAL AFTER SAFE SEX INTERPRETATIVE DANCE ROUTINE RESULTS IN TORN ACL



What began as an artistic display promoting safe sex practices ended in disaster as O-Week leader, Cassandra Bigetti, tore her ACL during a daring pirouette in front of an intimate group of incoming first-years Monday morning at 8:15 am. “I was just trying to raise awareness- the doctors say it could take up to six weeks before I get all of my pep back” a tearful Bigetti was quoted as saying. “The difficulty of the dance move, paired with the spilled puddle of lubricant, were the biggest factors in her injury” explained ER doctor Phillip Kristofson. “If this is what safe sex is all about, you can count me out” said freshman student Colin Lefurgy, who witnessed the incident, adding “if you can tear tendons just promoting it, imagine actually doing it!”

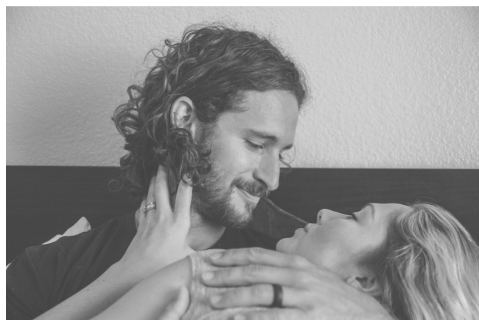
DALHOUSIE STUDENT HITS ROCK BOTTOM: EXPANDS TINDER RADIUS TO INCLUDE SMU

Bright-eyed and bushy tailed, Nathan Miller entered the school year with one naive hope: that he may be able to find love between the streets of South and Quinpool. In an ill-fated tinder attempt, Miller set his radius to 2 kilometers, a move he would soon come to regret. After having little to no success, and seeing one too many of his classmates, he abandoned all hope, and set his new radius to 4 kilometers, knowing all too well that this would in fact include SMU. When questioned on his success upon widening his pool of potential suitors, Miller declined to comment.



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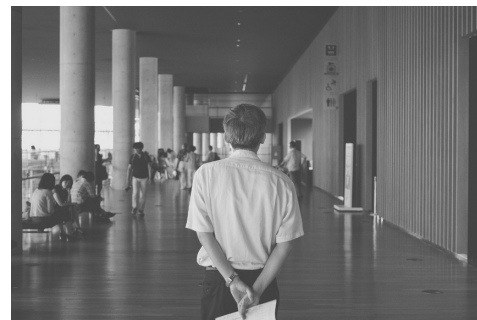
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STUDENTS BEGRUDGINGLY INVITING LEAST FAVORITE ACQUAINTANCES TO PARTIES AS "COVID NUMBERS" NO LONGER VIABLE EXCUSE

As the difficulties of the pandemic slowly fade away, new obstacles have emerged for university students province-wide. With the prospects of restrictions lifting, and unchecked house parties returning, one fear is at the front of everybody's mind: disliked acquaintances. Sure, you were neighbours in res, you had every class together, but you didn't drift apart nearly as much as you had hoped. When the pandemic struck, the perfect opportunity presented itself to exclude them from social gatherings moving forward, an opportunity that is rapidly fading.

No one is feeling the brunt of this harsh new reality more than fourth-year student Eric Woodhelm, as he expressed to *The Mackerel*, "I'm gonna miss the days of smaller parties—sure, they're less exciting— but, man, do I hate social expectations," followed by "They must know I don't like them. I'm sure they aren't expecting an invite anyway." A word of advice: it's been a year and a half; you could have easily changed your phone number. Best of luck, Eric.

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