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## Water To Be Shut Off During O-Week In Commitment To Fully Dry Campus

BY JUSTIN FIELD

HALIFAX, NS—Dalhousie administration has announced that all campus water supplies will be shut off from September 1st-4th to ensure a completely dry campus during O-Week.

“In past years, solely banning alcohol in residence has proved ineffective,” reflected Kristin Felman, a Dalhousie representative. “Not only would we catch students smuggling in booze, but they would be taking showers, washing their hands, even filling up water bottles at drinking fountains. Campus was far from dry—back at O-Week 2017 it even rained for three days!”

To address health concerns of hydration and hygiene, university administration has implemented several measures. Students will be assigned a weekly time during which they are permitted to bathe off the Queen’s Marque steps in the Halifax harbour. Further, administration has said dehydration is not of concern as students will be “drinking in the tiger spirit” all week long. Reportedly, the Saint Mary’s soccer pitch has



SMUGGLED WATER BOTTLES, SEIZED BY HOWE HALL RESIDENCE ASSISTANTS. PHOTO COURTESY OF JONATHAN CHNG ON UNSPLASH.

been designated as toilet facilities.

*The Mackerel* asked a number of first years their thoughts on the dry campus regulations.

“I’ve already got a plug in Howe,” said Henry Robinson, a first-year commerce major. “Not just tap water. We’re talk-

ing SmartWater, Fiji, Evian—the good shit,” he boasted.

A very fitting “H-2-NO” is the slogan for O-Week 2022, which comes to a close September 5th, at which point the Dalhousie community can expect water to return to campus.

## All Available Literature Concludes Hooking Up With Your Dorm Room Neighbour Is A Terrific Idea That Won’t Backfire At All

BY CARL MILLER

HALIFAX, NS—Elias Rumpkin, a masters student in Dalhousie’s health promotion department, has recently published her groundbreaking thesis. In the paper—a literature review—Rumpkin asserts that despite what you may think, hooking up with your next door neighbour in residence is a worthy endeavour, and one that should be pursued.

Rumpkin refers to a group of experts on the matter, who claim, “the combination of your biological urge to reproduce, alongside your nervousness about starting a new life culminate to ensure this move is 100% in your best interest.”

After testing multiple mental simulations and thought experiments, specialists concluded that things will be “totally cool” both in the present, as well as the long term. If things go south, a clean break is nearly *guaranteed*. Further, when one of you stays single and the other is shackled up, running into each other in the hallway as you fumble for your keys will be both a humorous and comfortable interaction.

Rumpkin’s work is being applauded in the academic community and will be presented in conferences at hundreds of universities worldwide.

## "Well I Don't Consider Myself 'From' Any One Place" Answers First-Year Student Who Took Gap Year

BY SAM CUTCLIFFE

HALIFAX, NS—First-year student Alyssa Fortworth knew she had made a mistake the second she asked the question. “Well that’s really hard to answer,” explained dorm neighbour Scott Bissick, who had recently returned from a year of traveling. She had asked him where he was from.

“Where do I even begin— as a citizen of the world, it’s hard to reduce my identity to just one place on the map, you know? We

live in a society with far too many labels, and I don’t want where I went to high-school defining me— I feel like I’ve lived an entirely new life since graduation. I can say hello in 21 languages, my favorite food is something you probably wouldn’t even be able to pronounce, and my passport has more stamps than a forearm after a night on Argyle,” lectured Scott.

As Alyssa began to reply she was cut off, as Scott continued, “It will honestly

feel plain wrong walking to class with only a laptop in my backpack, I’m just so used to having my whole life packed away in there you know? Also—I’m a year older than you, so if you ever need life advice, or something picked up from the NSLC just let me know.”

After nodding and smiling her way out of the conversation, Alyssa noticed that Scott had dropped his ID on the ground, revealing his hometown to be Toronto, Ontario.



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