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Increase In Computer Science Majors' Hinge Matches May Be A Recession Indicator

BY GRACE BROWN



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HALIFAX, NS — Amid frightening news stories about a potential recession, tumultuous world events and inflation, Harry Lewis, a third-year computer science major was shocked this past month to see his popularity grow dramatically on dating apps. “My whole time on these apps, whether they be Tinder, Hinger — whatever — I could pretty much only count on one or two matches a week. But this winter, it’s been crazy, I get a few every time I check my phone.”

Lewis is not alone. Along with the price of gas and groceries, the average number of matches for computer science students on dating apps has been on a steady increase in recent months. Nigel Wiggins, a second-year computer science major, told *The Mackerel* that he even went on a few dates in January. “It’s honestly been nice,” he said, “the coolest girl was probably this one costume studies major — definitely a one and not a zero. She

said she’s looking for careers in her field but it’s been difficult, she was really interested in the number of summer positions I’ve been offered so far.”

There is a definite trend in the type attracted by these suddenly lucky computer science students, said fourth year Christian Jung. “I’ve gotten a lot of attention from humanities students, a lot of artsy girls. They’ve all been super nice, and seem really interested in computer science; how much a compsci graduate can expect to make immediately out of school, how much a coder can make with ten years experience, that sort of thing.”

Despite many local businesses experiencing the adverse effects of the economic crisis, the Quinpool Pizza Hut is experiencing record sales. Economists have theorized Pizza Hut’s success is directly linked to the increase in computer science students going on dates.

Dalhousie Announces Geology Field Course In Which Students Sift Through Gravel At Future Arena Site

BY SAM CUTCLIFFE



CLASS IS IN SESSION AT THE GRAVEL PIT ON SOUTH STREET (PHOTO COURTESY OF PIXABAY ON PEXELS).

HALIFAX, NS — An old parking lot beside Wickwire Field on South Street has been left as a fenced off gravel pit after Dalhousie was unable to secure contractors for the planned construction of a new arena. With the backing of administration, the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences has jumped on the opportunity to offer a geology field course directly on Dalhousie campus, mere steps from the confines of the LSC. “The site offers incredibly rich and diverse

evidence of the effects humankind has on earth’s geology,” elaborated Dr. Gabbro Feldspar. “Students have been finding cigarette butts, red solo cups, discarded picket signs, and once even a lost first-year wandering in circles,” he continued.

Inside sources claim the course is a cover up for Dalhousie to use unknowing students as labourers to develop the site. Suspicions of this arose after the syllabus detailed the potential for a ‘5% bonus in the course for each cubic meter of gravel excavated’, with the exam consisting of manual labour and involving heavy machinery.

“Errrgh, mrrghh — plrrrr,” explained third-year geology student Seamus Ratherfort through a mouthful of gravel. “I’ve heard the conspiracies that we’re being used as free labour, and quite honestly, I don’t mind — I just love being immersed in the gravel,” he repeated after emptying his mouth.

While no textbook is required for the course, the Dalhousie Bookstore now carries high-vis vests and steel toe boots.

Computer Science Student Programs AI Girlfriend, Gets Dumped

BY KENT RICHARDS

HALIFAX, NS — “I’m just happy she’s doing well,” third-year student Mark Armstrong told *The Mackerel*, in reference to the artificial intelligence program he created to be his partner. He’d come up with the idea after falling for one too many Instagram bots. “It would always start well,” he said, “but they kept getting robbed in London, and when I’d send them money for a flight home, they’d always ghost me — this was the obvious alternative!”

The cheery attitude he began the interview with quickly broke down, however, as he reminisced about the good old days. “We would make bits and bites and listen to Radiohead’s *OK Computer*,” he said wistfully, adding “it was her

favourite album.” He didn’t stop there, as what started as an interview quickly devolved into a tear-stained confession. Our reporter provided Armstrong the shoulder he needed to cry on, as he continued to share. They haven’t talked much since the breakup, but it’s impossible not to cross paths in a city as small as Halifax. The last Mark’s heard, she was doing number crunches at the gym and had been seen flirting with ChatGPT.

“She sends him pictures of her language model,” he said regretfully. In the fraught age of dating apps, it seems, dating an application didn’t prove to be the alternative this programming prodigy had hoped for.



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