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## Student Dons Mask, Large Sunglasses, To Hide Identity On Way To Hook Up At SMU

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ANONYMOUS STUDENT ON THEIR JOURNEY TO SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS (IMAGE BY SAM CUTCLIFFE).

HALIFAX, NS — After receiving a “you up?” text at 11PM last night, a first-year Dalhousie student (who requested that their name be omitted from this article) donned a baseball cap, face buff, and oversized sunglasses, before departing residence after ensuring they weren't seen. The reason for their clandestine behaviour? The text was sent by a student from Saint Mary's University.

Under cover of night, they took a roundabout route — ducking between South End homes cutting through backyards, and dodging busy streets wherever possible — towards Saint Mary's University. Between glances over their shoulder to ensure they were not followed, the anonymous student adjusted their disguise, pulling their hood over their head and lowering their cap further still.

Upon escaping immediate danger of recognition by fellow Dalhousie students, they braved an equally dangerous, but less familiar peril: SMU students. The incognito traveller dropped their shoulders, and standards, before entering SMU's Loyala residence, hoping to appear as innocuous to the potentially hostile locals as possible. Near the end of a relatively safe voyage, terror struck mere footsteps away from their destination. “You smell like you go to a respectable university,” accused a SMU student in the residence elevator. The Dalhousie student improvised a shrug, and although their accuser retreated warily, their heartbeat didn't slow until they reached the safety of their situation's residence room, pulled down the blinds, and signed the provided non-disclosure agreement.

## Halifax Transit Criticized For Exclusively Hiring Bus Drivers Born Much Past Due Date

BY SAM CUTCLIFFE

HALIFAX, NS — Halifax Transit has come under fire this past week, as an online job ad revealed prejudiced hiring policies. As could be expected, the ad, posted to the HRM's website, detailed that an ideal applicant would have grade 11 or equivalent education, five years of relevant driving experience, a valid Canadian driver's license, with the completion of a defensive driver's course seen as an asset. The condition that has caused controversy, however, is the requirement for Halifax Transit drivers to provide proof that they were born after their calculated due date, with preference given to those born weeks after they were expected.

“Only one in ten babies are considered overdue — born past 42 weeks,” explained Halifax pediatrician Stella Pourtalesi. “The municipality is excluding over 90% of potential applicants — that's an even lower acceptance rate than Dalhousie's medical school,” she continued.

Despite the widespread criticism, Halifax Transit has been staunch in their position, claiming they have no intentions to change the policy. “This has always been a cornerstone of our hiring process, and is critical in ensuring that our staff are able to match the level of service we strive for,” said Davis Reade, Executive Director for Halifax



FUTURE HALIFAX TRANSIT DRIVER, BORN 2 WEEKS PAST EXPECTED DUE DATE (PHOTO COURTESY OF JONATHAN BORBA ON PEXELS).

Transit. “Being late is what Halifax Transit is famous for, and we want to make sure that each and every one of our drivers can make that happen. There's no standardized test for lateness, but for our drivers, we want to make sure that being late has been a habit since they exited the womb,” he clarified. Reade asks the public to fully consider the potential impacts of removing the policies before passing judgment. “Can you imagine if we started hiring drivers who had been born prematurely, or heaven forbid, on time? It would be pandemonium! This city has come to expect buses that are five, ten, or even thirty minutes late — an expectation we intend to live up to,” concluded Reade.

## Selection Process Of New Dalhousie President Revealed To Be Throwing A Blanket Over Candidates' Heads And Seeing How Long It Takes For Them To Remove It

BY DEREK BARTLETT

HALIFAX, NS — As Dalhousie reaches its 3rd week without a permanent replacement for its previous president, a palpable excitement can be felt throughout the campus as students and faculty wait patiently for the new heir to be announced. Fortunately, the community can rest easy knowing that day is soon to come. Released earlier this Monday was a memorandum detailing how the selection process has entered the most important phase of all — throwing a wool blanket over candidates' heads and seeing which one has the wits to wrestle it off first. The test is said to assess the general intelligence of candidates, as well as their ability to make dif-

ficult decisions ‘with their eyes closed’.

“It's been taking so long to pick a new president because none of them have been able to take it off yet,” explained Dr. Frank Harvey, acting president of Dalhousie and head of the presidential search committee.

Despite the test having seemingly stumped most of the candidates, they were all still reportedly in good spirits. “It is SO dark in here!” exclaimed Dr. Richard Van Stuhl. “This whole president thing must be really tough!” Dr. Stuhl was asked for further comment but promptly tripped down a flight of stairs, somehow still managing to keep the blanket over his head.

