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**JOHN PACKMAN**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you're picking up this issue on Valentine's Day because you couldn't find a date and are now trying to comfort yourself with your beloved campus newspaper, put the issue down and go to a bar.

If it's Valentine's Day and you're procrastinating for that mid-term tomorrow, please continue reading.

And if it's already past Valentine's Day, that doesn't mean the Sex Issue has expired or anything. For at least the past 12 years, *The Gazette* has been putting out its annual Sex Issue around Feb. 14. I guess one of the editors in the mid-90s figured

people were having a lot of sex on Valentine's Day. But I'm sure St. Patrick's Day would have been just as good, if sloppier.

Despite its Valentine's release date and having the steamiest picture we can put on the cover and still get away with distributing around the city, *The Gazette* Sex Issue varies from year to year.

This year we've tried not to be too quirky and still have fun with sex. While we certainly try to be informative (Stripping for tuition on page 15, and our Sexpert, Hugh, delving into fetishes on page 18), we've tried not to turn this issue into an overwhelmingly serious exploration of sexuality.

Sex is about enjoying yourself, so we've tried to keep to sex stories and away from sex lectures.

We've also done something more with photos. A few weeks ago, we started posting ads asking our readers if they wanted to pose for the Sex Issue. And it turned out way more people were interested than I would have ever thought.

If people were willing enough to read our paper and say they would model for our Sex Issue, who were we to turn them down? So we took pictures of as many of them as we could and are running them in the paper this week.

I mean, minds are sexy, but bodies are also an essential part of the

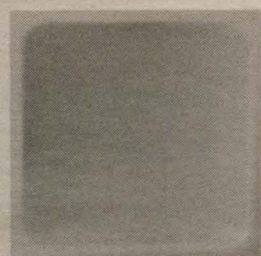
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We're keeping up the Sex Issue tradition because sex is part of the university experience. It might even be the best part.

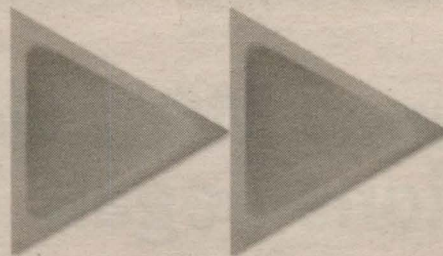
Aside from the single beds in residence, it's tacitly accepted that sex and university go hand in hand. If you need proof, just head to The Palace at the end of a Saturday night.

It's easy to forget when you're here every day, but university campuses probably have the highest concentration of young and attractive people in Canada. When university grads say these were the best years of their lives, they're probably not talking about their 8:30 classes or writing their theses.

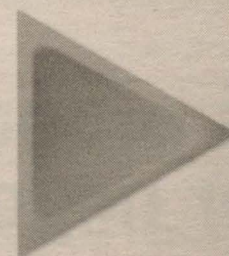
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# Tories decide not to fast-track tuition cuts

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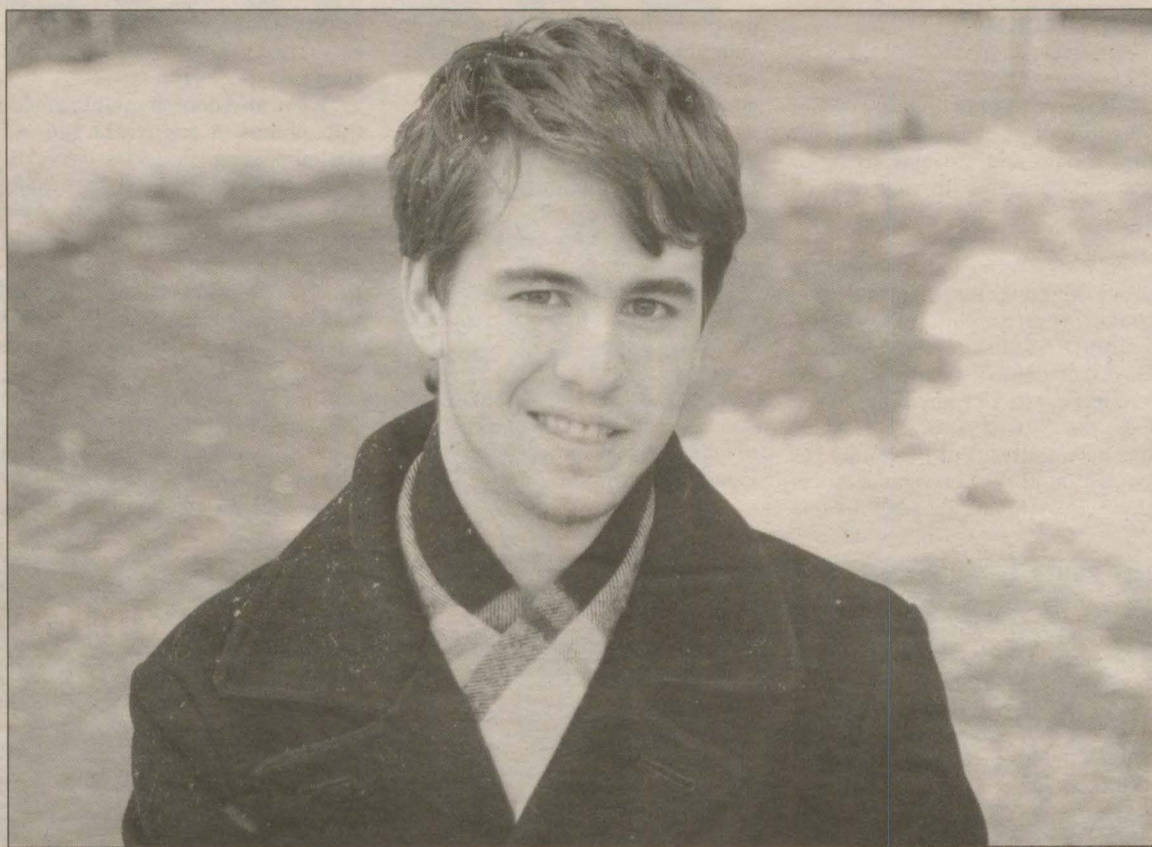
The provincial Progressive Conservatives shut down a plan that would have dropped Nova Scotia university tuition down to the national average by fall.

At their annual general meeting at the Westin Hotel in Halifax last weekend, party delegates were presented with resolutions from ridings across the province. They chose not to pass resolution A-21, which would have asked the provincial government to lower tuition to the national average by next September, instead of the 2010/11 school year as planned.

Delegates voted down the resolution on Feb. 8 after many complained during the debate period that the wording was too vague. Many followed the strategy offered by delegate Richard Cotton from Richmond, who favoured another resolution, A-25, which asked for a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the province and N.S. universities.

"[A-21] is an excellent proposal. We need to decrease tuition, but we need to look at everything. So I would encourage delegates to vote for A-25 from the policy committee," said Cotton during the debate. "It seems much better."

Cotton's strategic vote was a popular compromise for some delegates, despite an attempt by one youth delegate to assuage fears that the tuition cut proposal was too idealistic. Tyler Dennis, a PC party member from Halifax Citadel who is also one of the Dalhousie Student Union's Arts and Social Sciences council members, said asking for fast-tracked tuition cuts would bring more attention to



JOSH BOYTER / DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

PC party member Tyler Dennis doesn't think plans for quicker tuition cuts were out of line.

students.

"[A-21] doesn't straight-jacket the government. It allows the government to review [tuition]," he said. "I don't think it's out of line and the students are a key part of this province."

There were only a handful of youth delegates present at the meeting.

Bill Black, a delegate who sits on Dal's Board of Governors, voted in favour of the accelerated tuition cuts. He said most delegates were

probably turned off by the resolution because it did not offer a specific plan to speed up tuition cuts.

"I think the sentiment, in terms of what it means, wasn't clear. No one is sure about the specifics," said Black during a break.

Other delegates, including Edward Lapierre from Timberlea-Prospect, were completely against reducing tuition fees sooner than originally planned.

"It's a touchy-feely good resolu-

tion," he said, "I'm against this. We are (already) supporting students and it's time to draw the line."

When it came time to vote on the second resolution asking for a renewed MOU, delegates were less hesitant. The majority of the few dozen delegates present easily carried the motion.

DSU President Mike Tipping attended the first vote on Feb. 8 and said the MOU negotiation resolution doesn't propose anything that isn't

already being done.

"[The MOU resolution] is getting people to notice post-secondary education issues, and there's a new awareness of that in this party," said Tipping after the vote.

Tipping said he spoke to some of the youth delegates present at the Feb. 8 meeting and asked them to push for some new amendments to the MOU resolution during the debate session.

But when Dennis asked whether delegates could add amendments to the resolution, the meeting chair said the deadline for amendments had passed two days earlier, so no new amendments could be accepted.

When Tipping spoke to the delegates as an observer and a representative of the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations, he pushed for current MOU negotiations to include all students, since fees for international students and those in professional programs, two groups not included in the original MOU, have risen dramatically since the agreement was signed three years ago.

Tipping also wanted to see an amendment that would force the party to include students in future negotiations, something the province is already doing in its current MOU negotiations.

Robert Batherson, the PC's vice-president (policy), sits on the PC Provincial Policy Committee, which proposed the MOU resolution. He said he wasn't certain if everything Tipping was asking for would be implemented.

"I take Mike Tipping's points, but I'm not sure if I agree with everything," Batherson said after the meeting.

## PCs propose new MOU weeks after negotiations began

JAMES MUNSON  
STAFF EDITOR

Students received only a symbolic endorsement from the provincial Progressive Conservative party during its annual general meeting held at the Westin Hotel over the weekend.

At the second debate on Feb. 9, delegates voted on all the resolutions that passed the previous day a second time, as per procedure. Some of the delegates from the larger crowd of more than 100 delegates reiterated their concerns that the resolution to negotiate a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) carried no weight.

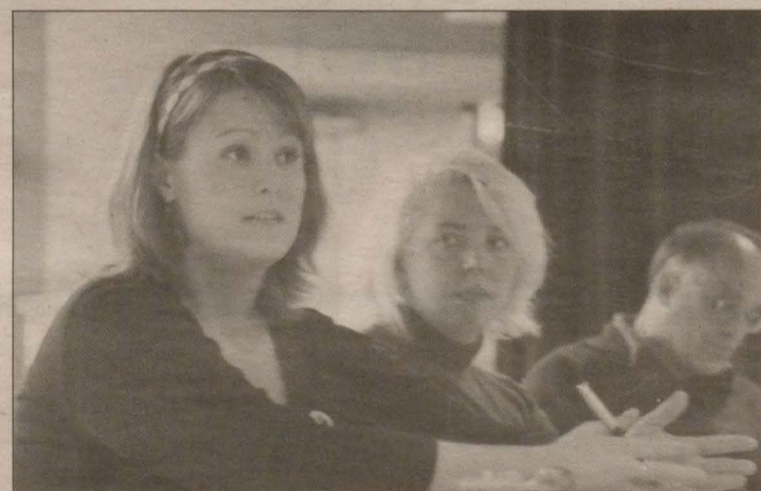
Delegate Rob Ferguson from Halifax Citadel said despite this, voting down the resolution would be a hard sell to students.

"The resolution made more sense in November when it was drafted and when negotiations weren't in place, but if it's defeated it looks really bad," said Ferguson.

The ongoing negotiations with the province involve three students - Jen Bond and Ezra Edelstein representing the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA), and University of King's College student Kaley Kennedy from the Canadian Federation of Students. It also involves the presidents of Dalhousie, Saint Mary's and Saint Francis Xavier universities, as well as representatives from the Department of Education.

The negotiating parties began meeting in January to discuss a new agreement.

The first MOU was signed in 2005 between the N.S. Department of Education and the province's universities and colleges. It restricted



JOSH BOYTER / GAZETTE FILE PHOTO

Nobody will leave the table happy without a new MOU, says Executive Director of ANSSA Paris Meilleur.

tuition fee hikes to an increase of 3.9 per cent per year for undergraduate programs, excluding international student fees and professional program costs. This agreement is scheduled to expire in March.

Tuition in the province dropped by 8.5 per cent in the last year, but it's still the highest in the country. According to Statistics Canada, N.S. students pay \$5,878 on average per academic year, while the national average is \$4,524.

But the current MOU mostly benefits students from N.S., since it promises money for N.S. students from a federal infrastructure fund and not for students from outside the province. Students hailing from N.S. currently receive \$400 to \$500 annually after paying tuition.

According to Paris Meilleur, executive director of ANSSA, it's important that students are now part of

the negotiations.

"At the tail end of the last negotiations, [the department] was worried that confidentiality was broken, that students were to blame about some things being leaked to the media, so there was a backlash from the department at bit," said Meilleur. "It was a fight."

Meilleur said she didn't know when negotiations were going to be finalized, but that if a new MOU is not in place by the end of the school year, nobody will leave the table happy.

"We still need to talk about tuition and infrastructure," Meilleur said. "There's still a lot on the table, a lot of issues that are the bread and butter of the institutions."

The PC provincial policy committee will evaluate all resolutions passed at the meeting and file a report for the party's caucus.

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# Mercer films at Dal

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For a little more than \$17,000, three Dalhousie students netted Rick Mercer and brought him to the university.

On Feb. 11, the comedian arrived at Dal's Student Union Building around noon – fresh from attending a University of King's College beer-making course – to a smattering of students, some awaiting his entrance, others shocked to see him.

Back in November, Keith Torrie, Victoria Jones and Hilary Taylor had one goal: to bring Mercer to Dal by winning the Spread the Net Campus Challenge.

Mercer, a St. John's native, promised he would visit the school that raised the most money for Spread the Net, a fundraising campaign to buy \$10 bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Africa.

Almost two months later, the winner of the challenge was announced. Out of the 73 teams involved and 35 schools that participated, Dal won, raising \$17,035. That's enough to buy more than 1,700 mosquito nets.

While he taped footage for *The Mercer Report* in the lobby, Mercer chatted with students, sold and signed Spread the Net t-shirts – making an extra \$660 – and signed books and scraps of paper for eager students.

Meanwhile, student groups in the SUB were staging a bed-in for awareness about the conflict in Darfur, raising money for breast cancer and giving away fair-trade coffee, letting Mercer know they weren't apathetic.

"It just shows that there's no apathy here. Students are active, are involved and are willing to put their money where their mouth is," he said. "It's phenomenal."

Mercer said he was "really impressed" with Dal students for donating so much money toward his cause.

"A student giving \$10 is the same as a 40-year-old lawyer reaching into their pocket and giving \$500. So, it's a huge sacrifice," he said. "I'm very appreciative that they did it."

Mercer explained that Spread the Net started after a trip he and former cabinet minister Belinda Stronach took to Africa in 2006. They were following Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, former director of the United Nations Millennium Project and director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University.

"You're in a village, people are sick, which means they can't take care of their kids, they can't feed their family, they can't work, they can't



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The episode of *The Rick Mercer Report* filmed in the SUB is scheduled to air the week of Feb. 20 on CBC.

tend their crops," he said about his trip. "The solution is really simple: one of the first things Sachs does is make sure everyone gets a bed net," he said. "And, the minute that happens, it makes a dramatic difference in the quality of their life, and, in a very short period of time, malaria is practically eradicated."

The first round of nets bought will go to Liberia, distributed free of cost. Mercer said workshops will also be held for people in Africa so they can learn how to set up the nets.

Mercer said he and Stronach committed to raising \$5 million. So far the national campaign has raised nearly \$2 million for the cause.

After he finished filming in the SUB and greeting some star-struck fans, Mercer left the building.

"I'm going to meet with some engineers and we're going to go tobogganing in a concrete toboggan," he said with a devilish grin.

Torrie, Taylor and Jones talked about what his visit meant to them. Jones said she's grateful for the time and money Dal donated.

"Thanks to the Dal community, because they really pitched in and made it amazing – the deans, the faculties, everyone," she said.

Taylor said the visit also strengthened the Dal community.

"[Mercer's visit] was really nice, because we focused on building a community and bringing people together and we did," she said. "It was fun. And, of course, the [amount of money raised to purchase the nets] was worth it."



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Chocolate bars at local shops claim to cause "euphoric bliss, various aphrodisiacal sensations and multiple orgasms!"

## Contentious confections:

Local cafés sell chocolate that's not for children

MELISSA DI COSTANZO  
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

A new Valentine's Day treat is spicing up local coffee shops and candy stores, but some locals are concerned the sweets are too controversial.

The Tantric Tablet bars appear to be regular chocolate, sitting on the shelves at Uncommon Grounds café and Sugah! Confectionary, but what's inside is much hotter.

The jet black or pink packaging is printed with bold phrases such as "The Swing," "Pounding the Spot" and "Oral Cowgirl." The underside of the double-folded label features two simply drawn chocolate bars, complete with hair and lips, in rather compromising *Kama Sutra* positions.

Gordon Stevens, owner of Uncommon Grounds on South Park Street, says the concept of the bars sprung from the desire to create an out-of-the-ordinary Valentine's Day confection with a package more exciting than a traditional heart-shaped box.

"(We wanted to) be a little cheeky, but at the same time, be classy enough that it's not going to cheapen the product that's inside of it," says Stevens, 37.

The seven bars in the collection are each infused with a different flavour, such as Nova Scotia sea salt, green tea and cayenne pepper. They also claim to offer a dose of "euphoric bliss, various aphrodisiacal sensations, and multiple orgasms!"

Big claims for a 110-gram bar. Stevens says the tongue-in-cheek chocolate, on shelves since Jan. 28, has provoked the interest of most customers.

"We raise the eyebrows, and when you see the picture, it's actually quite funny, because it is two chocolate bars with arms and legs that have been done in pencil draw-

ings to make the diagrams of the different positions," he says. "We wanted to be able to have it on the shelf without (controversy)."

But he says Uncommon Grounds and Sugah! also sell confections, such as ice cream and candy, that attract children. This is the reason for the "for lovers only" caption on the outside packaging of the bar and the concealment of the *Kama Sutra* position on the inside flap, he explains.

Hadla Mamsour, who has not purchased any of the Tantric chocolate, says the bars are too graphic for children and that they shouldn't be exposed to them.

"It's absolutely ridiculous. I am a mother and a grandmother and I wouldn't allow it. I wouldn't buy it for them," says Mamsour.

Saint Mary's University student Sybil Ramrattan agrees.

"I actually do have something against these sexual positions due to the fact that you can't see it when you buy it," the 18-year-old says. "Just imagine a parent buys it, leaves it in the house. When a child opens it up and sees this, they're going to be wondering. They're going to get the wrong impression of sex. This is not the way young kids should be learning about sex."

But Stevens says the chocolate wrappers, like the teachings at the heart of the *Kama Sutra*, are not exclusively sexual.

"We were very careful in the design not to be graphic and not to be overly titillating," he says. "The store has a big child focus. You know, we sell ice cream and candy. We really didn't want to do anything to jeopardize that."

"The whole notion of the *Kama Sutra* is about opening up dialogue between couples and about having couples talk about sex. It's not all about sex. It's about overall spirituality and overall well-being and just basically making for better relationships."



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# International anti-bullying day has local roots

ANGELINA CHAPIN  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Last year, Bobby Cooper was in Ohio, promoting his International Stand Up to Bullying Day thousands of kilometres away from home when he got a call from his mother.

In March, when the 24-year-old St. Francis Xavier University business graduate came up with the idea to sell anti-bullying t-shirts online to wear this Feb. 15, he was focusing his efforts internationally and ended up promoting the event in 25 countries instead of at home in Nova Scotia.

"From the beginning, everyone in my life was telling me to talk to the schools here," says Cooper, originally from Baddeck, N.S. "But I thought, this is a big thing, I can't take time to go to schools in small areas."

He changed his mind when his mom phoned to tell him about a local news story: Travis Price and David Shepherd of the Annapolis Valley had bought and distributed pink shirts to their high school peers after hearing about a fellow student who was bullied for wearing pink.

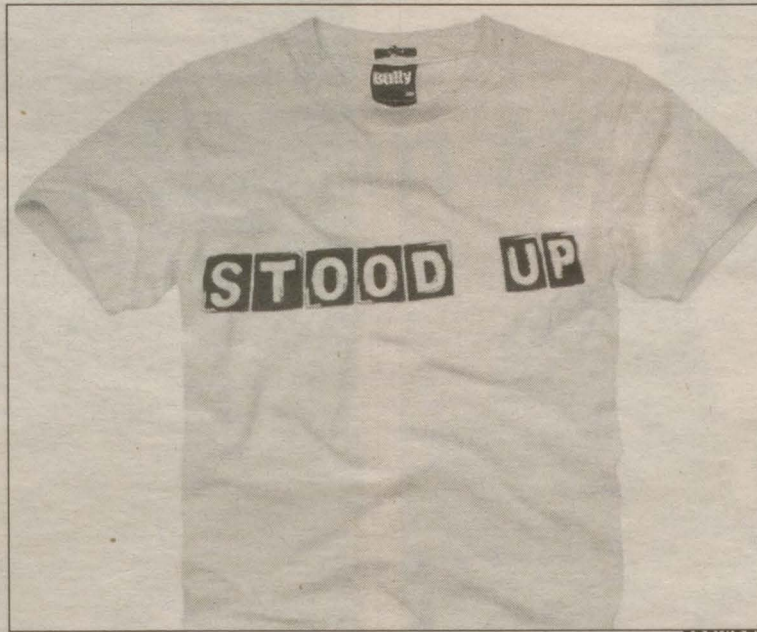
"That's nice it happened at home," he told his mom at the time. "But I'm trying to do this on a big scale."

Then Cooper turned on NBC to see the boys being interviewed. Their story was all over national newspapers and this fall, Premier Rodney MacDonald implemented a "Stand Up Against Bullying Day," to take place every second week in September in their honour.

Cooper realized Price and Shepherd had started a grassroots version of his own idea.

"I could try and get the two guys on board," he remembers thinking. "And if that happens, it's the best advertisement I could imagine."

Though Cooper had already made up 100 black t-shirts, he ditched them for pink ones after calling up Price and Shepherd for permission. Cooper included a link on his website to a video of the boys' NBC interview under the heading "Why Pink?"



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Hundreds of schools in Canada and the U.S. have ordered pink shirts to celebrate International Stand Up to Bullying Day on Feb. 15.

On Feb. 15, International Stand Up to Bullying Day will be celebrated by schools, workplaces and individuals in eight provinces and 20 American states. More than 120 schools have ordered shirts that say "Stand Up" on the front and have an anti-bullying pledge to be signed by the wearer on the back.

"When you put the t-shirt on, the victim knows that everybody who has a shirt on will help them," Cooper says.

Cooper has received so much interest in his cause that a second day will be held on Feb. 29 to accommodate late t-shirt orders.

Shirts cost \$10.99 each and can be ordered online before Feb. 18. Cooper also created a Facebook event for the day, and more than 2,800 people say they'll be attending.

Cooper's interest in bullying began after watching an episode of *Dr. Phil*. Jay McGraw, Dr. Phil's son, was going around to schools and giving speeches about bystanders taking a stand against bullying.

"I didn't really think about bullying before then," explains Cooper.

"I didn't get bullied but I didn't bully other people. I was part of that group, so I thought I could probably reach them."

He began a website called bully-help.org, where kids who witnessed bullying could submit an anonymous report. Cooper would then get in contact with the school to alert them of a bullying problem.

The site became popular and Cooper found himself understaffed and running out of money. Proceeds from International Stand Up to Bullying Day will go toward developing this website and creating a new one, bullyadvice.org. The idea behind the site is that kids can go online and receive advice from as many as 15 experts about various bullying issues.

Cooper is also developing a Facebook application so people can add logos to their profile that read, "I stood up. What's your stance?"

"I want to get in everybody's faces who have nothing to do with it," says Cooper. "A year ago today I never thought about bullying. But it happens everyday. It's been happening to me and I didn't even know it."



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"This is the best part of my life. I didn't expect it though," Sudanese student Yung Deng says of studying at Dal.

## Refugee student finds freedom at Dal

RUTH MESTECHKIN  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When Yung Deng lived in Sudan 12 years ago during the country's civil war, there were no schools. He learned to read and write from local church volunteers, who would use white paint to write out the alphabet on a wall in his village.

"This is how I started my school," says Deng. "We did that for a year (and) at the end of the year, we started reading."

Now 22-year-old Deng is a first-year engineering student at Dalhousie and computers have replaced white paint.

The Dal chapter of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC), one of many in the country, gave Deng the opportunity to study here under its Student Refugee Program (SRP).

The program sponsors about 50 students each year so they can study at universities in Canada. Each Dal student pays a \$1.50 levy toward the program.

Deng grew up in the middle of a violent civil war. The bloody conflict between the Muslim north and his native Christian south left little time or space for education.

"There was no choice. There was no school," says Deng. "When people tried to make a peaceful demonstration, like a boycott, the government started to kill them. People were protesting, and (then) people were killed. And the government was bringing more soldiers to quell the protests."

The mass killing, which began in Sudan in 1983, reached Deng's family in Jonglei province 10 years later. His grandfather died in the massacre.

The government moved Deng, along with his mother, grandmother, aunt and uncle, to a displaced person's camp further south in Sudan. In 2000, the government displaced his family again, and Deng was separated from them.

Then on Mar. 11, 2000, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees took Deng and a group of displaced people to a refugee camp in Kenya.

Once Deng had completed his high school education on a four-year scholarship in Kenya, he volunteered as an elementary school teacher. He had no means of pursuing a secondary education.

At that time, WUSC had requested to sponsor a refugee student. Deng applied, and the organization accepted him.

"It was my only chance I could have an education," says Deng.

Dal's WUSC chair and student refugee representative, fourth-year IDS student Julia Keech, says the refugee organization is the only one in Canada with an educational sponsorship. She says it creates more opportunities for students, such as job prospects.

"It's also important for the university community as well, because it offers students to learn about refugee issues when they're learning among former refugee students themselves," says Keech. "A lot of students feel they can't make a difference. They feel helpless. This program has put me in a position where I really feel like I'm making a difference."

The difference Keech made was a significant one: Deng found that life in Halifax was radically different from his childhood amid civil war when he landed here last August. But he says he was still wary of the unknown.

"I didn't know how it would work," says Deng. "I didn't know how people would receive me here."

Representatives from WUSC were waiting for Deng at the airport. The next day he toured Dal's campus, and says he was impressed by the people he met — they were nicer than he expected.

"This is the best part of my life. I didn't expect it, though," says Deng. "I made new friends. They (always) help."

Deng says he thought the transition would be hard. But once he tried doing the things he thought he wouldn't be able to do, like working with a computer, he realized they weren't so difficult.

"You decide when to go to class, when not to go to class. You manage your own time. I did not experience that before."

He says one difficulty he encountered last semester was using unfamiliar computer programs in an engineering design class.

"The best part is how I (know) how to do things I didn't know before," he says. "I could design my project at the end of last term."

Deng says he has also become more independent. He does his own banking now, and he's not as hesitant to meet new people.

"I used to keep quiet in most cases because I didn't know how people talk here. I thought if I could jump into a conversation and I tried to impose my own ideas, it may be different than what people do here," says Deng. "I asked, 'Can I fit in?' I found out I can. I am impressed I don't see I am more different (than) people here."

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## Graduate Studies

# DAGS set to ask students for Grad House levy

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NEWS EDITOR

Dalhousie students may have the opportunity to decide whether they want to bring new life into one of the campus's old pubs.

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) plans to propose a referendum question at the student union's Feb. 20 council meeting that would ask students to pay a temporary fee to relocate and renovate The Grad House.

As the administration suggested in last year's student space referendum, DAGS plans to move The Grad House, which grad students operate, to a property across the street at 1242 LeMarchant Street.

DAGS representative André Arsenault says The Grad House needs extensive repairs, which the administration estimated would cost roughly \$750,000 in its referendum campaign last year.

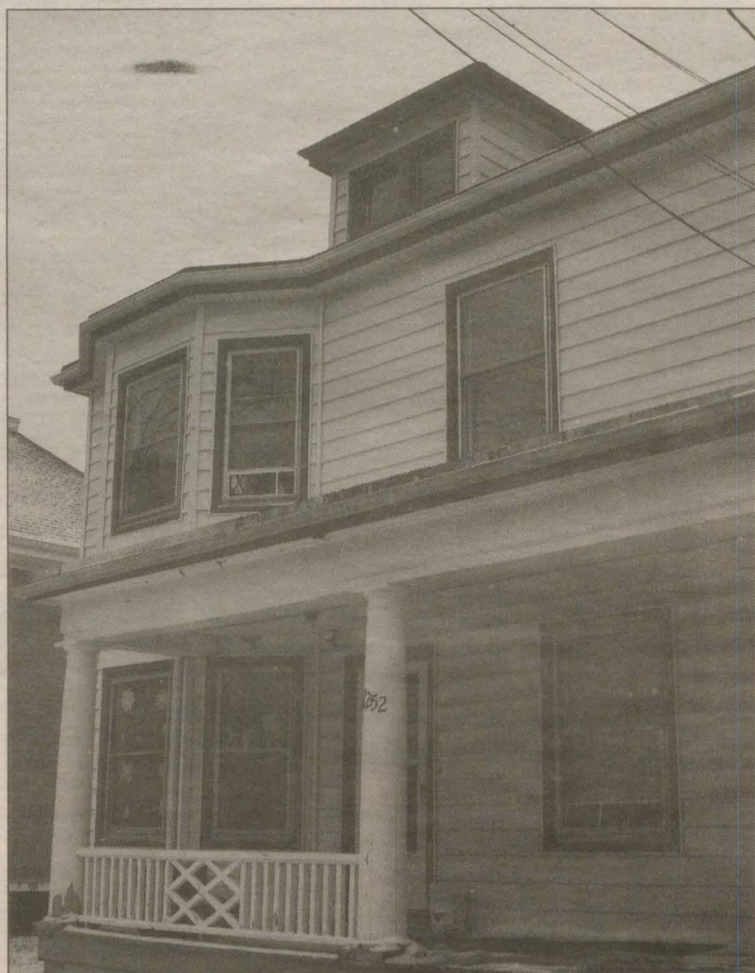
"Because it would cost so much money to renovate it, there's no point in putting money into that house," he says. "We know the university does want to develop on that land and the cost of developing it is quite a lot. We're just jumping on the ball here."

The possible question on this year's Dal Student Union election ballot hasn't been finalized yet, but Arsenault says the society is considering asking full-time students for \$5 or \$6 each year for roughly four years.

Marc Braithwaite, the university's new executive director of Student Wellness, is overseeing the relocation project because the campus restaurant and bar, which also houses office space for grad students, operates under one of Dal's liquor licenses.

Braithwaite is working with the administration and DAGS, as well as other campus societies who may be involved in operating the new Grad House, to choose a design and layout for the bigger house on LeMarchant.

Once they decide which facilities the new property will include



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The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students plans to move The Grad House, to a property across the street at 1242 LeMarchant Street.

in keeping with health and building code standards, Braithwaite says, they can estimate how much the renovations will cost.

"There's more to it than just running a bar," he says. "The university has an interest in upholding all the regulations that apply."

Dal owns the potential new Grad House spot, now a student rental house, but DAGS and other currently unspecified student groups plan to take out a loan to complete construction until the proposed levy kicks in next fall, if students vote in

favour of paying the fee.

Arsenault hopes students will support the project and says he thinks they will if last year's 'save The Grad House' response to the referendum was any indication. He expects renovations to be complete by next September - with or without a positive referendum result.

"The students know that sometimes the bar does run a deficit but they still want the space," he says. "We're going to go ahead, hopefully, with the renovations whether the referendum goes through or not."



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## Uni-Briefs

### DAL-IN-BRIEF

#### Dal students may vote on lobby group levy

The Dalhousie Student Union plans to propose a referendum question on its election ballot that would ask students if they want to help fund a newly formed municipal student lobby group.

The Halifax Student Alliance (HSA) is a combination of student union representatives from Dal, Saint Mary's, Mount Saint Vincent, Nova Scotia Community College Waterfront Campus and the Atlantic School of Theology.

The potential question still has to pass through DSU council before can be included on the election ballots in mid-March, but members are set to ask students for a \$2 levy in support of the group, which was formed in November.

The HSA participated in the mayor's roundtable on violence last term and plans to focus on municipal issues that affect students, such as housing and public safety.

The Saint Mary's University Students Association already held a referendum asking students to pay \$2 each year for the group. Students voted on the question Feb. 12 and 13.

#### Dal testing emergency texting system

Dalhousie students may soon receive cell phone text messages about emergencies on campus if they choose to give the administration their phone numbers.

The university's computing and information services department is currently developing the emergency system and last week, asked willing Dal Student Union councilors to submit their cell numbers to help test the service.

Dal spokesperson Charles Crosby says the school hopes to have the system up and running for all students before the end of this term. He says the texting system will be voluntary and free for students, but administration hasn't yet decided for which types of campus emergencies they will send out text messages.

"We're still in the process of setting the parameters of what would constitute those types of emergencies," Crosby says.

Several universities throughout the United States and Canada, such as the University of Calgary and the University of British Columbia, have already implemented similar emergency messaging systems, mostly in response to the school shooting at Virginia Tech last April.

### CANADIAN CAMPUS SHORTS

#### U of T won't provide vaccine info

University of Toronto President David Naylor and Vice-President Vivek Goel refused to distribute an e-mail from two physicians suggesting female students inquire about HPV immunization, reported student newspaper *The Varsity*.

"There is no public health recommendation for mass immunization in our target age group," said Naylor.

The Public Health Agency of Canada recommends the vaccine primarily for girls aged nine to 13.

But Goel said students should make their own decisions.

"Obviously the university could send dozens of health-related messages to its students on a range of important issues from safe sex to smoking cessation," said Goel. "We can only dimly imagine the resulting chorus of complaints from students about paternalistic and intrusive e-mails."

The authors of the e-mail, Dr. Rob Wagman and Dr. Raymond Tellier, said they only want to increase awareness of the virus among students.

"We are not asking that University of Toronto recommends the vaccine, but merely that it provides information by e-mail to its student listserv, or points to the relevant in-

formation," said Tellier.

#### Payments deferred for Ryerson T.A.s

Nearly 20 teaching assistants at Ryerson University haven't been paid for their work so far this year. Student newspaper *The Eyeopener* reported this isn't the first time this has happened.

Some of last year's teaching assistants, including English T.A. Mark Wadman, still haven't been properly compensated.

"It speaks to the reputation of a university when employees aren't getting paid," Wadman told *The Eyeopener*. "It might happen that it's not going to attract quality T.A.s and professors."

Don Elder, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3904, a union that represents T.A.s, filed official complaints on behalf of each T.A. affected by the late cheques.

"It has become a human problem, not a bureaucratic one," Elder said.

Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs Michael Denson said a new electronic human resources management system would handle the payment process more efficiently. The university may receive one later this year.

CUPE has since organized a pool of money to loan T.A.s in need of cash

until the problems are sorted out.

#### N.B. government to help fund new Mount A student centre

The New Brunswick government is set to donate more than \$3 million to Mount Allison University for a new student centre, reported student newspaper *The Argosy*.

Minister for Post-Secondary Education Edward Doherty announced the donation at a news conference on Feb. 4.

"New Brunswick's strength is really in its people, and we are here to make an investment today," Doherty said.

Doherty outlined some features of the proposed student centre, such as accessible services and solar panels.

"Many of these beautiful, old buildings were built in the 50s and 60s when perhaps (environmental accessibility) wasn't such an issue, but now it's very important...that it's part of construction," said Doherty.

President Robert Campbell said the new building will give Mount Allison a competitive edge and that the university and the government want to position N.B. as having the best post-secondary system in Canada.

Sources: *The Varsity*; *The Eyeopener*; *The Argosy*



# Gazette

The Gazette is a student-run publication. Its primary purpose is to report fairly and objectively on issues of importance and interest to the students of Dalhousie University, to provide an open forum for the free expression and exchange

of ideas, and to stimulate meaningful debate on issues that affect or would otherwise be of interest to the student body and/or society in general. The views of the Editorial Board are not necessarily the views of Dalhousie University.

## Downtown safety to be litmus test for HSA

Halifax bills itself as a student-friendly city to prospective students. This would be a hard claim to contend if the only measure of student appeal was bars per capita.

But the city's crime situation speaks otherwise. With the highest rate of violent crime per capita in Canadian metropolitan areas, the city has a constant crime problem on its hands. But when the city began holding roundtable discussions on violence downtown, Mayor Peter Kelly shut students out from voicing their concerns.

Ask students if they go out downtown and they'll probably say the city's bars and pubs are just an extension of campus. Students flock to nightclubs almost every night of the week, and considering how much they devote their pocketbooks and their livers to the bar industry, they should have been included in the talks.

When the Halifax Student Alliance (HSA) begins meeting to address student issues in the municipality, downtown violence and safety should be their first concern. The HSA represents the student unions of Dalhousie, Saint Mary's University, Mount Saint Vincent University and the Nova Scotia Community College.

The Dalhousie Student Union Council announced last week that students here will be asked to pay a levy for the HSA, so it's time the student body takes a good hard at what we're going to be paying for.

The heavily publicized brawl at The Dome during the winter break is one example of why student concerns should be addressed. Students act as consumers in pretty much all

of the municipality governed areas, whether it's rent, transportation or booze.

When the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission asked The Dome to get rid of dollar drinks, someone should have countered by asking for evidence that alcohol contributed directly to the brawl.

When the HSA begins convening, it should be clear about its mandate and how it can serve students. It should set a diligent agenda that will allow it to make changes fast. When you're going to start something new, you should start it off on right foot. The HSA should make sure that it's recognized as a powerful lobby group in municipal circles.

It's a rare kind of union – the second of only two municipal student associations in the country. The other organization, the Edmonton Alliance of Students (EAS), serves 100,000 students in the Edmonton area.

Edmonton is almost twice the size of Halifax, and the HSA will be representing around a fifth of what the EAS represents. Its biggest risk is falling into oblivion if it doesn't get noticed early on.

It needs to voice its agenda loud and clear when the roundtable releases its final report this month. Student concerns should be heard when it comes to Halifax's downtown scene.

At the next council meeting, the DSU will vote on whether to put the HSA levy question to a referendum, which Dal students would vote on during the next DSU elections in March. Students should consider the effect HSA could have on the politics of going downtown before casting their ballot.



Alexander the Great invaded Afghanistan before the British Empire, the Soviet Union and the United States did.

## Can history predict the future of the mission?

SHAWN HAYWARD  
OPINIONS CONTRIBUTOR

If you want to predict Canada's ultimate effect on Afghanistan, it's time to pick up those dusty old history books.

Take a look at the histories of the world's last three superpowers: each has invaded Afghanistan at some point. We are walking in the footsteps of the British Empire, the Soviet Union and, God save us, George W. Bush. That's not a positive historical precedent.

But Canada has never been a superpower, and we have a unique history when it comes to military intervention. Our involvement in the Second World War, Cyprus, Bosnia and Kosovo were all, arguably, humanitarian as well as military successes.

Afghanistan has always been a trap in which the world's superpowers tend to ensnare themselves. The mountains are a paradise for guerrilla fighters, and its people have fought near constant tribal warfare for centuries. But Canada, with its reputation as a just, upstanding young nation, should have a fighting chance at reversing the trend.

However, the current situation

in Afghanistan diverges dramatically from our past success stories.

Canada's involvements in the Second World War, Cyprus, Bosnia and Kosovo were all actions taken to protect nations that were being militarily dominated by another power.

In the Second World War, we protected the British and French from the Germans. In Cyprus we protected the Greek Cypriots from the Turks. In the former Yugoslavia we protected the Serbs, Croats and Bosnians from each other. In Kosovo we protected ethnic Albanians from the Serbs.

Now think of our not-so-successful missions. The Boer War in South Africa was a long and bloody campaign to impose British rule on the Dutch-speaking Afrikaans. The Korean War was a civil conflict between a Soviet-backed dictator in the North and an American-backed dictator in the South.

Both conflicts ended with dubious results. Our involvement in the Boer War helped put an ethnic minority under Queen Victoria's boot. Our actions in Korea saved the South Koreans from one dictator only to deliver them into the grasping hands of another.

It seems we do better when we uphold the right of nationalities to determine their own future. In other words,

the exact opposite of what we mean to accomplish in Afghanistan. We make good policemen, but not good marriage counselors. Canada would be wise to let Afghan President Karzai and his opposition kiss and make up on their own time.

Sure, al-Qaeda is a foreign force – members come mostly from Saudi Arabia. But for the most part, our troops are fighting native Afghans.

It's not always immoral to meddle in the affairs of a sovereign country. Sometimes it's justified. We would have had every right to intervene during the Holocaust, for example, even if Nazi Germany hadn't invaded its neighbours.

But the Taliban, for all their oppression of women and enforcement of strict Islamic law, are no Nazi Party. And the Karzai government is no bastion of liberalism. Currently, journalism student Sayed Parwez Kambakhsh is awaiting execution by the government in Afghanistan, allegedly for printing an article from the internet.

Meddling in Afghan affairs is ethically and strategically dangerous. We may once again be fighting to bring a nationality to bow before one of our superpower friends, or fighting one tyrant in the name of another.

## How not to promote diversity

JAMES MUNSON  
OPINIONS EDITOR

At last week's Dalhousie Student Union council meeting, the execs played hot potato with a committee without a home. Unfortunately, it looks like the Committee for the Promotion of Diversity on Campus (CPDC) is going to remain a headache until someone steps forward to lead it.

It's a piece of the DSU bureaucracy that's had a troubled history, having been passed around by different executive vice-presidents over the last few years. On Feb. 6, council tried to shrink it from a committee into a 'Diversity Day,' but council members shot back, calling the move a cop-out.

The CPDC now remains pretty much intact, along with the problems that have plagued it since day one – no mandate and no budget. These issues are going to be addressed at the next council meeting, but the fledgling committee needs somebody to tell council just where diversity education is needed if students want its hapless history to take a turn for the better.

The committee was created dur-

ing the 2004/05 school year. Its mission was to coordinate events staged by traditionally underrepresented groups on campus. There are plenty of groups that represent minority groups at Dal, and the lack of clarity about how they relate to the CPDC might be why it's been so hard to get the committee off the ground.

In the past, representatives came from the Muslim Student Association, the Aboriginal Students Association, the Dalhousie Women's Center (DWC), DalOUT and the Black Community.

In its second year, the DSU vice-president (internal) at the time and committee chair Phil Duguay reported that there had been very sporadic attendance at committee meetings by representatives, and a lack of participation from the DWC in particular. Despite some successful campaigns run by the CPDC, it seems the other more group-centric associations were busy setting up their own events.

The CPDC was never a sitting committee, which means it doesn't receive a budget. When the following year's vice-president (internal) Chris Ide was elected, he took the same approach as Duguay and the com-

mittee was left without any funding to keep it afloat.

But this year the DSU exec thought closing down the committee for good and transforming it into a 'Diversity Day' under the vice-president (student life) portfolio would do the trick. But council members opposed the move, so it's back to the drawing board until the next council meeting.

But what the CPDC needs is somebody to lead it. Every diversity-oriented group on campus exists due to the efforts of its members. There wouldn't be a Muslim Student Association without Muslims on campus willing to run it, or a DWC without the initiative of women here at Dal to keep it going.

Council isn't going to figure out where diversity awareness is needed and what form it should take. Until someone with zeal steps up to organize the CPDC, the committee will continue to be passed around like an unwanted burden.

Considering Dal is trying to attract more international students and the province is looking for more immigrants to settle here, it seems like a good time for the committee to get to work.

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# Changes to copyright law should be a 'fair deal'

**JAMES MUNSON**  
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The internet has a bit of an anarchic streak to it. Over the last two decades, it has provided companies and artists with some serious challenges to the authority of ownership. Information is shared on the internet, often without the permission of its owners, because people want to share and build bonds through common interests, principles and creative endeavours.

But what the internet also provides is a new way to exercise your legal rights to "fair dealing" exemptions in copyright law.

Fair dealing is a list of exemptions that most copyright-abiding nations include in their legal copyright package. In Canada, fair dealing exempts the use of copyrighted material from copyright laws if the user intends to use the material for "research or private study." It also allows people to use copyrighted material if they are "reporting the news" or performing parody and criticism.

In short, they are provisions that allow for free speech. Without these, it would be harder to share opinions and views and harder to comment on them. Without fair dealing, the world would seem pretty Orwellian.

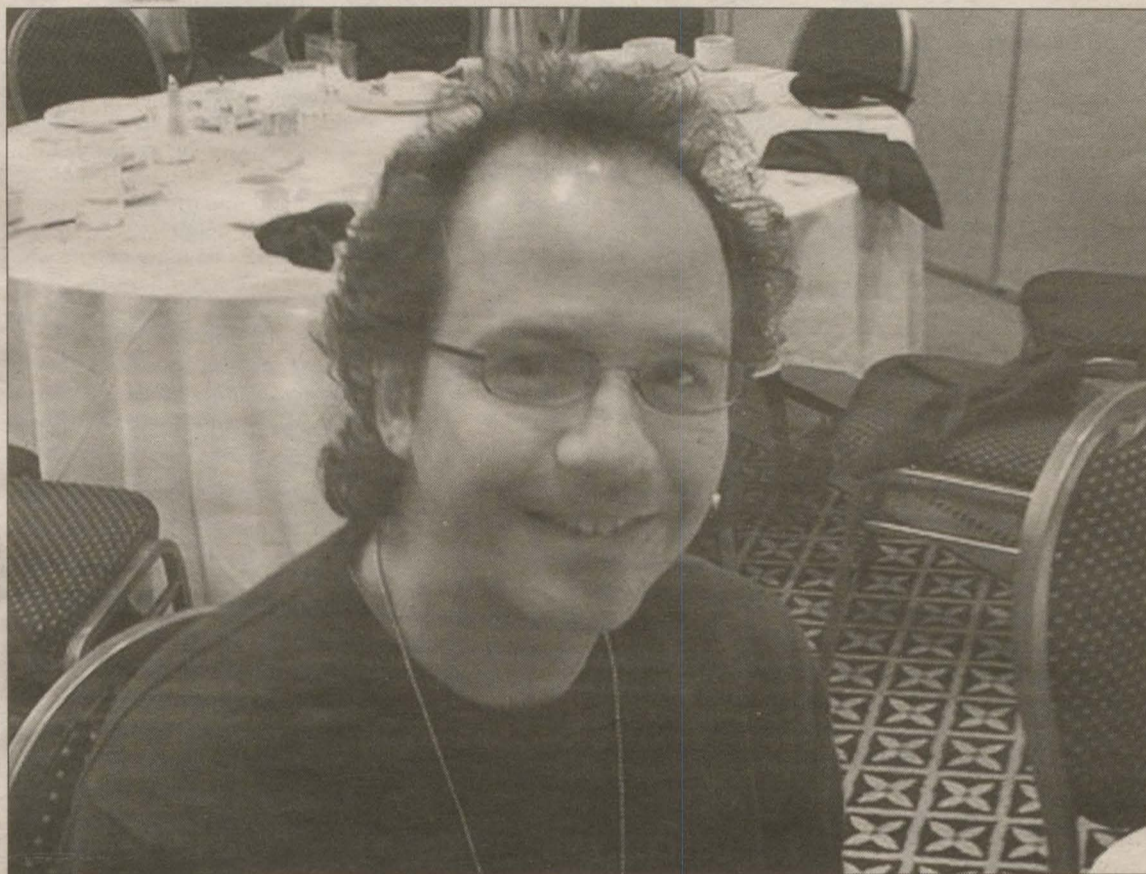
But the power of the internet to advance the democratic principles of our society is under threat. Although ideas, music and products can effect more change and spark more discussion the more people have access to them, the music industry doesn't seem to want to share.

Many legal experts believe that any day now, the federal Tory government will stand behind the music lobby with an amendment to the Copyright Act that will mimic the controversial Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) in the United States.

Luckily, the internet is trumping those efforts by allowing those opposed to an amendment to share their concerns and frustrations. The internet is making it easier for law bloggers and copyright junkies to practice the democratic principles of this country and further an open and frank debate about one of the driest and most obscure sections of law - copyright.

Michael Geist, a lawyer and a professor at the University of Ottawa, often discusses the dire consequences of a Canadian DMCA on his blog and in newspaper columns.

Geist and others have devoted



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Michael Geist has started a movement against unfair changes to copyright law.

time and labour to making sure Canadians know what's going on between music industry lobbyists and the government. But his craftiest piece of public service seems to be his Facebook group, Fair Copyright for Canada, which now has over 40,000 members.

If you're a student who thinks the internet offers a transformative shift in the way we can play and be creative with information, then you should think about joining his group. The upcoming legislation will decide which technology companies can place in their products and what they can find out about you without you ever knowing.

The internet grows as a collective memory of cultural products everyday, and our right to be flexible with our culture should not be stymied by a narrow, interest-backed interpretation of copyright law.

To understand the battle over copyright law, the average student probably needs a little bit of a legal history lesson.

The current debate over copyright began when Canada signed onto the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaties

in 1996. The treaties are designed to protect intellectual property, and many countries passed laws domestically to fall in line with the WIPO treaties.

After signing the WIPO treaties, the U.S. passed the DMCA, which increased the penalties for copyright infringement on the internet and made it illegal to remove the Digital Rights Management (DRM) technology from a product. DRM is what a recording company can use to keep a user from copying their product or transforming it into another format.

The music lobby has turned its attention north, most notably under the head of the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA). Geist has made it publicly known that Canadian ambassador to the U.S. Michael Wilson met with CRIA president Graham Henderson in order to lobby for a Canadian law similar to the DMCA.

Industry Minister Jim Prentice is currently sitting on an Act to Amend the Copyright Act, which was supposed to be tabled at the end of last year but was twice postponed. Geist and others fear the amendment will infringe on the fair dealing laws of

our Copyright Law.

The last major defence for the fair dealing exceptions was a Supreme Court decision that defended the Law Society of Upper Canada's fair dealing of legal material at their library. The ruling states, "research" must be given a large and liberal interpretation in order to ensure that users' rights are not unduly constrained, and is not limited to non-commercial or private contexts."

The amendment to the Copyright Act may infringe on fair dealing in a number of ways. First, it might make it illegal to remove Technical Protection Measures (TPMs) from material. TPMs can keep a user from changing the format of recorded material, from a CD to an iPod for example, and can also prevent time shifting - recording material for later.

It could also cause Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to be punished if users commit copyright infringement. ISPs would be forced to take down material that faces allegations of copyright infringement.

The technological breakthroughs of recent years put fair dealing in the hot seat. Fair dealing is a vital provision for a free society that allows

material in public to be scrutinized by those who view it, not just those who make it.

It has always been the choice of an individual or organization to publicize material. And as the internet is teaching us again, the more publicity you can get for a subject, the better it is for your industry and your art. There are exceptions of course, but overall, it makes financial and commercial sense to put something on the net. The current growth of internet material testifies to that fact.

The internet now offers new possibilities in terms of the fair dealing provisions, such as private research, criticism and even reporting the news. Reducing fair dealing provisions rather than reinforcing them for the information age is the wrong way to deal with the revolutionary power of the internet.

The DMCA in the U.S. lessened the allowance for the "fair use" of copyrighted material, which is a similar concept to fair dealing, but with some exceptions. Canada has the chance to make a sovereign decision on this subject by protecting fair use on the net.

Geist calls fair dealing "a crucial part of the copyright balance."

Opposition MP Charlie Angus of the NDP proposes a three-step approach to copyright reform. The approach asks for the WIPO treaty to be brought to the House of Commons so that new legislation can be signed; for consultation with a diverse group of Canadians, from educators to artists to consumer groups on the new legislation; and for assurance that artists get their fair share of profit in an age in which information sharing has been transformed.

This is a sensible approach to legislation, demanding clarity, balance and most importantly, a plurality of voices and opinions on the issue.

Corporations have a hard time dealing with the internet, so there are strategies and laws to make sure their interests are protected. But changing the fair dealing provisions of copyright law is a closed-minded approach.

Fair dealing should be upheld. If the music industry has its way, it will dampen the incredible and unprecedented artistic freedom the internet and information technology currently offers. The internet isn't just a bunch of wires and wireless signals; it's a carrier of cultural products and place for cultural exchange.

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# CFS is 'anti-choice'

**JAMES MUNSON**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

Something has gone horribly awry in the way people look at individual freedom. Canada's progressive and inclusive approach to human differences values acceptance above exclusion; it allows people to have different views and still live together peacefully. It's not about blanketing everyone's opinion with one 'proper' view.

It's sad to see the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) take a step backward when it decided to back student unions that banned pro-life societies from their payroll. Or as the CFS likes to call them, "anti-choice" societies.

Apparently the Ryerson University student union, a member of CFS, tried to amend the decision by

arguing that discriminating against a society for its pro-life position is denying members' right to free speech. But their efforts failed.

The CFS should have listened to Ryerson students. They made the wrong choice for a number of reasons.

Our university years are supposed to be a time when we examine the debates and questions of our generation more seriously. We have a chance to think for ourselves about our values, our beliefs and our legal and spiritual positions with an open mind. We can break beyond the assumptions of our family and peers. Universities provide the material and the freedom to discuss these issues, encouraging our need to know and be curious.

Abortion is a contentious issue and always will be. It will probably never cease to be a bitter and per-

sonal debate. Despite the controversy surrounding abortion, students should be able to feel comfortable having a debate about it without fearing punishment.

The CFS, however, decided it doesn't want students to debate. It decided abortion can never be criticized, that issues relating to pregnancy, sexuality and even mortality, are done deals. Apparently the CFS has stumbled upon the ultimate truth of the matter, and have decided abortion is inherently and always a good thing.

This view is blind and undemocratic. It's fine for an individual to believe abortion is a good thing, but it's different when it's an organization that represents large, diverse groups of people like student bodies.

There are many people who oppose abortion for a variety of rea-

sons. Some say it's not healthy for a woman's mental state. Some say it violates a fetus's right to life. Some say it encourages sexual promiscuity.

It's not up to the CFS to close the debate. By declining to allow students to participate in the debate, the CFS is keeping students from hearing different opinions and denying their opportunity to openly criticize these opinions.

There may be more people who hold pro-choice positions than pro-life, but the majority should not keep the minority from speaking. Consider if it were the other way around. In more conservative times and places, the denial of support for pro-choice groups in the face of a pro-life majority would be just as unfair.

I'm pro-choice because legal abortions are absolutely necessary

in a free society. Women should have the choice to have an abortion – to consider all the options and finally make the decisions for themselves. I was able to arrive at this position because it was possible for me to look at different sides of the argument in an environment that allowed them to exist. Allowing for debate on an issue enables us to get closer to finding the right way of dealing with it.

In short, I would trade the ignorant comfort of assuming the infallibility of my position for the pleasure of deepening my thoughts on an issue by allowing it to be challenged by those I disagree with.

Each person chooses their view on abortion for themselves. The CFS decided it could take away that choice from students. According to CFS's new 'anti-choice' policy, it's the only one allowed to choose.

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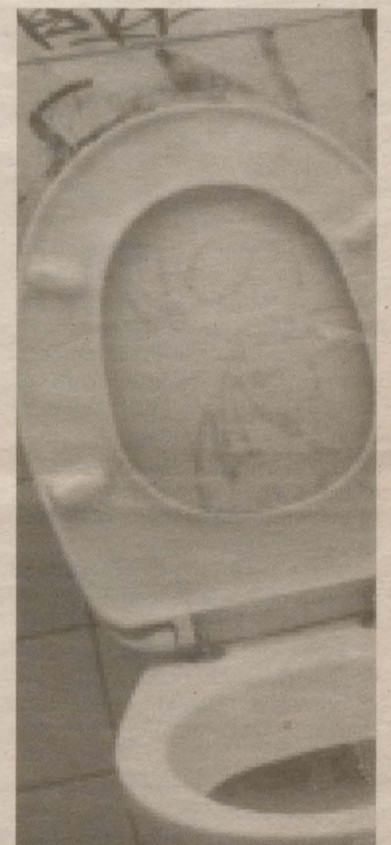
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# The Scientific Skeptic

## Animal sex: Fancy penises and explosions



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SCIENCE COLUMNIST

The debate over what is 'natural' and 'unnatural' sexual behaviour is endless and contentious in our society. Some say sex within a monogamous relationship between a male and female is what we're built for, and masturbation, homosexual sex and philandering are 'against nature.'

We expect women to hate sex and for men to be horny all the time. After all, it's easier for a man to be a father to multiple children than for a woman to be a mother. It makes sense, right?

In 2003, science writer and biologist Olivia Judson took on a pseudonym and wrote a book entitled *Dr. Tatiana's Sex Advice to All Creation*, in which she pretends to be a sex advice columnist as a way of looking at sexual practices across species.

If we compare ourselves to some of the species she mentions in her book, we'll find that a lot of our views about what's 'natural' are a little outdated.

### Who's more promiscuous?

For most creatures, it's more advantageous for the female to sleep around and for the male to be monogamous. It's all about ensuring your genes are passed on. Females are guaranteed to pass on their genes if they have babies and there's more of a chance they'll get pregnant if they have sex as often as possible. Males don't have that guarantee. It's better for them to stay with their mate.

Males in many species have developed several ways of ensuring it's their sperm that fertilizes a female's egg. In many species, females have a way of storing sperm and fertilizing themselves later.

If females have been injected with sperm from several different mates, they can make the sperm race to be the first to fertilize the egg, ensuring the offspring will have the genes of the most fertile of her mates and thus, that she will be more likely to pass on her genes to future generations when her offspring reproduce.

Sometimes males can convince females to dump the sperm they've collected already, if they do a good enough job with foreplay. This has been observed in moths, damselflies and birds.

Species in which females sleep

around are more likely to have fancy penises with spikes or scrub brushes. Whether this is for stimulation or for cleaning out the existing sperm is often unknown.

Some males are not so nice, though. Male honeybees explode after mating with the queen, blocking her up so that no one else can mate with her. This is bad for the queen and the entire colony. If she can have a lot of different mates, her offspring will have different fathers and makes it less like-

males and females of animal species, although it's more common in social animals, such as bonobos and penguins. Bonobos are generally not exclusively heterosexual or homosexual, but interact sexually with almost all members of their society as a form of greeting, to resolve conflict and release tension, and to form social bonds.

Though homosexual animals don't produce any offspring, they can improve the odds of survival and reproduction of their siblings by hunting for



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We took this from our Editor-in-Chief's porn collection.

ly that her hive will be paralyzed by genetic incompatibility.

Even in species closer to us, females are incredibly promiscuous. Female chimpanzees mate like crazy. One of the theories about this behaviour is that by having sex as many times as possible, females can confuse male chimpanzees about the paternity of her children. Male chimpanzees are less likely to kill a baby if there's a chance it carries their genes.

### Masturbation

Masturbation has been observed in both the male and the female of many species. Male marine iguanas will often start to masturbate whenever they see a female go by because if they do mate with her, they'll often be pushed off by a bigger male before they can ejaculate. Masturbation cuts down on time. In males of many animals, masturbation refreshes sperm storage, and in females it increases the chances of pregnancy.

### Homosexuality

Homosexuality also exists in both

food or defending their family.

Just because homosexuals don't pass on their genes directly doesn't mean homosexuality can't be genetic.

### Rape

Of course, just because something is 'natural' in the animal kingdom doesn't mean it's behaviour we should imitate. Gang rape of females is common in the wild (especially among sheep and ducks). In return, the females of many species eat their mates before or after sex.

These behaviours have their costs. Rape hardly ever leads to conception, and females who eat too many males will soon find themselves without partners.

Studying sex in the animal kingdom does bring up an interesting question. If promiscuity in females, masturbation and homosexuality are generally good for reproductive survival, maybe we should be a little less obstinate about their existence in humans.

The only 'natural' thing seems to be sexual diversity.




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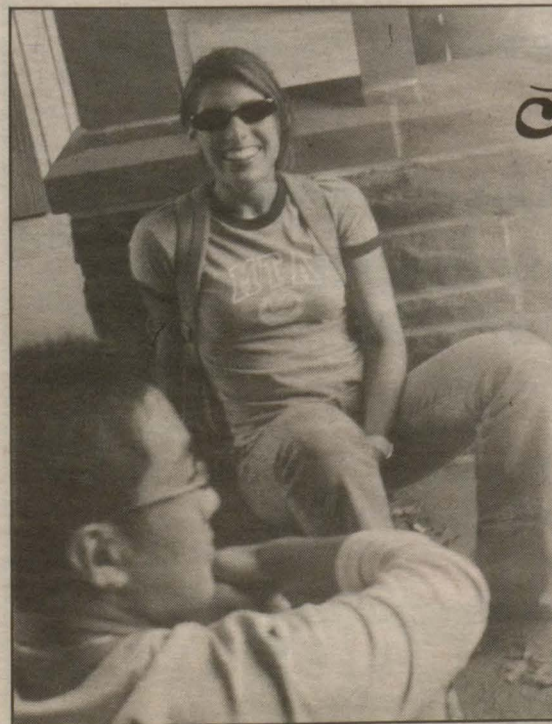
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# STREETER

What's the strangest name you've heard for genitalia?



“Bonechilada.”

Rob LeForte, third-year political science



“Porksword.”

Erin DeCoste, fourth-year kinesiology



“Meat curtains.”

Matthew Conway, fourth-year kinesiology



“Bearded clam.”

Liz Feldman, second-year history



“The punisher.”

Courtney Norris, third-year therapeutic recreation



“Gigglestick.”

Alex Coldham, first-year chemistry



“Purple-headed yogurt slinger.”

Teddy Markey, fourth-year sociology



“Mini Jamie.”

James Munson, fourth-year ego stroking

# TOP 10

## Valentine's Day traditions:

1. Whine and bitch about how much better Valentine's Day is for singles.
2. Whine and bitch about how much better Valentine's day is for couples.
3. Lower your standards.
4. Watch *The Notebook* and eat a whole tub of Ben & Jerry's by yourself.
5. Get a drunken phone call from an ex-lover asking about your plans for the evening.
6. Take three shots and meet up with said ex-lover.
7. Facebook stalk like never before.
8. Make your first transaction with a lady of the night.
9. Stare disbelievingly at your own image in the mirror, wondering how on earth your ancestors managed to find mates.
10. Ravage your heart, liver and self-image all in one night.

# HOT OR NOT

<b>HOT:</b> Cougars	<b>NOT:</b> Your mom
<b>HOT:</b> Cuddling after	<b>NOT:</b> Crying after
<b>HOT:</b> Rose pedals and candles	<b>NOT:</b> Allergies and arson
<b>HOT:</b> Sensual oil	<b>NOT:</b> Spit
<b>HOT:</b> Puppy love	<b>NOT:</b> Prison love
<b>HOT:</b> Applause	<b>NOT:</b> The clap
<b>HOT:</b> Lobsters with butter	<b>NOT:</b> Crabs with yeast
<b>HOT:</b> Bumps in the night	<b>NOT:</b> Genital warts
<b>HOT:</b> Sexual healing	<b>NOT:</b> Medical malpractice
<b>HOT:</b> Juggling clowns	<b>NOT:</b> Juggling girls

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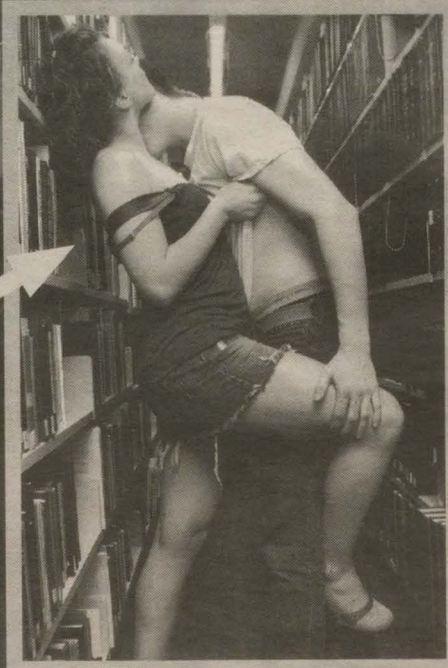
SEX ISSUE

# A guide to sex on campus

CHRISTIE CONWAY | ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

FOURTH FLOOR, KILLAM

We've all thought about getting our freak on in the library. But for those of you willing to make the leap from daydreaming about it over your biology homework to actually getting lascivious around literature, the stacks on the fourth floor are your best bet. Early morning and just before close are the safest options for young folks afraid of being caught with their pants down.

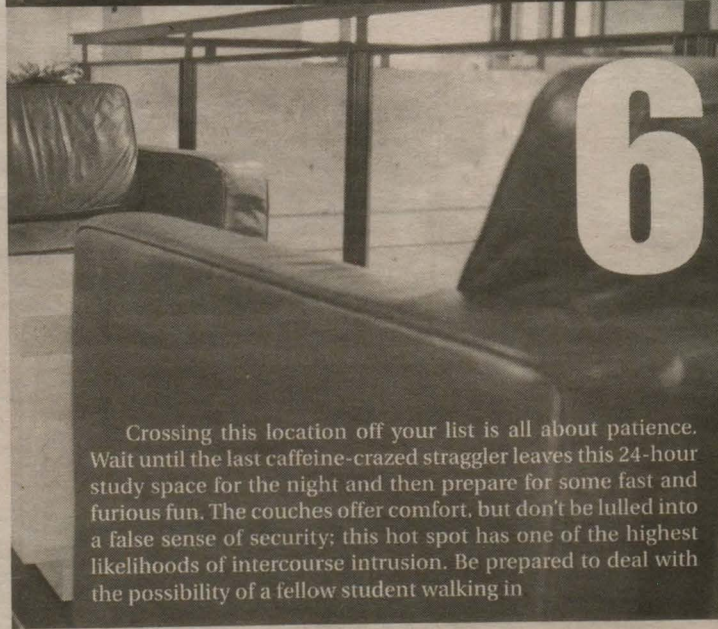
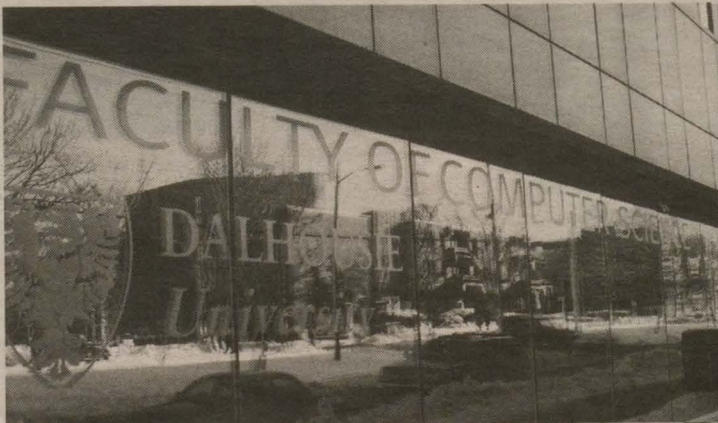


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## 9 MACMECHAN AUDITORIUM, KILLAM

This is not for the faint of heart. If you have already conquered the fourth floor and are looking for a little more excitement, the MacMechan is the place for you. Save this romp for after 8 p.m. (after classes have ended but before the caretakers tidy up). Apparently, behind the pillar on the right-hand side of the class is the best spot to get down and dirty. You're hidden from view if someone interrupts your tryst and with the help of one of the auditorium chairs, your options are almost limitless.

COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING COUCHES

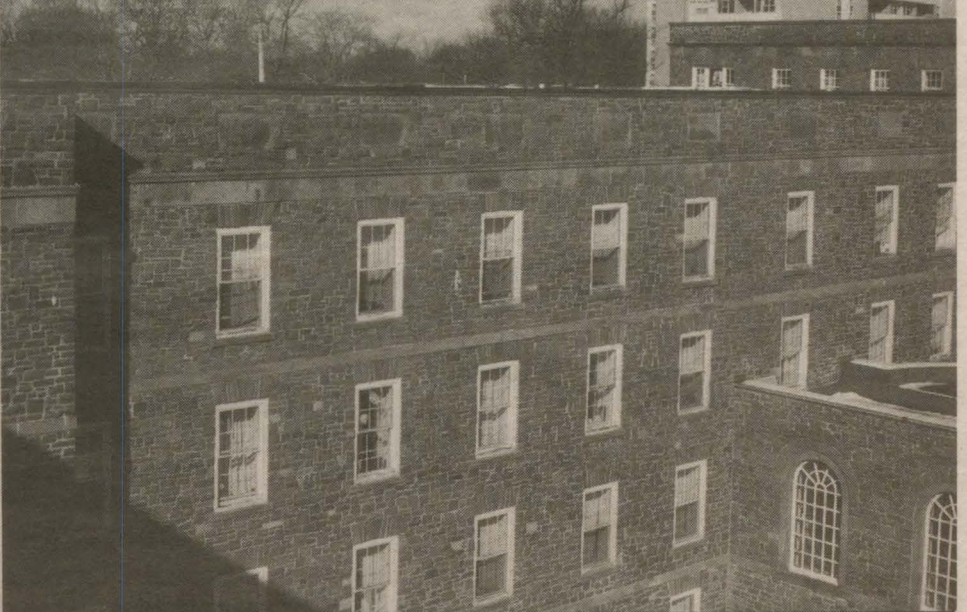


Crossing this location off your list is all about patience. Wait until the last caffeine-crazed straggler leaves this 24-hour study space for the night and then prepare for some fast and furious fun. The couches offer comfort, but don't be lulled into a false sense of security; this hot spot has one of the highest likelihoods of intercourse intrusion. Be prepared to deal with the possibility of a fellow student walking in

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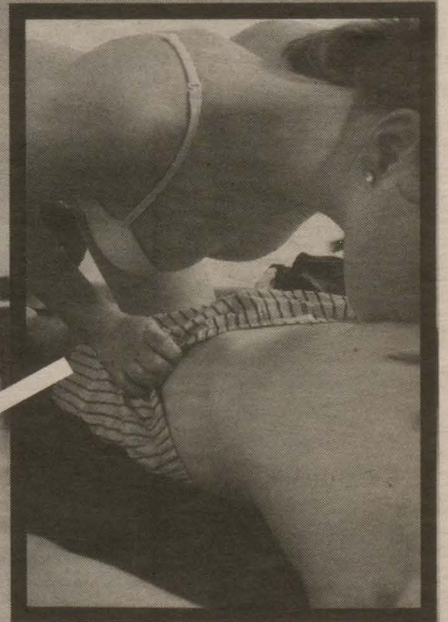
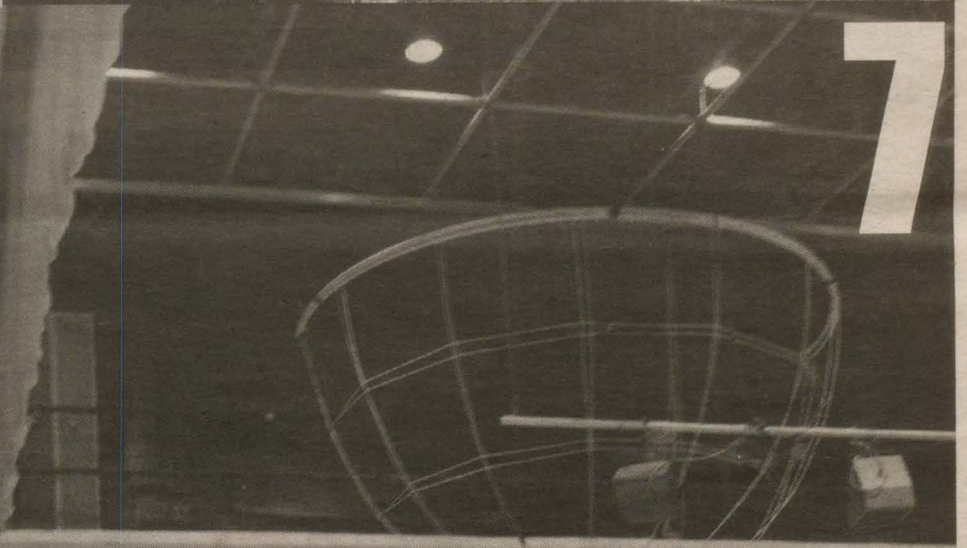
## ROOF OF SMITH HOUSE, HOWE HALL

Residence lovin' is one thing, but if you're ready to take your game to the next level, try the roof of Smith House. Normally the doors to the roof are locked, but every so often fate smiles upon the young Dalhousie sexplorer and the opportunity for roof romance presents itself. Remember: safety first when attempting this number. Stick to the middle of the roof and bring a thick blanket to lie on. Sunrise or sunset is optimum. This locale is best attempted in warmer weather.

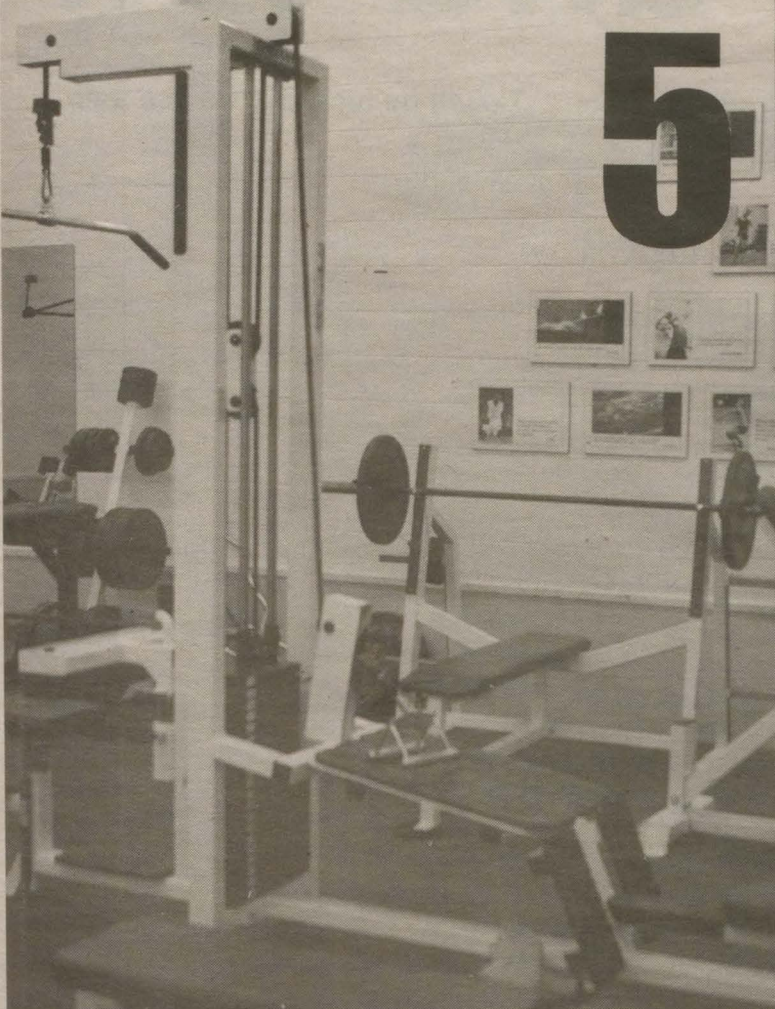


## REBECCA COHN DANCE STUDIO

Mats, stretching poles and a wall of mirrors. This is a no brainer.

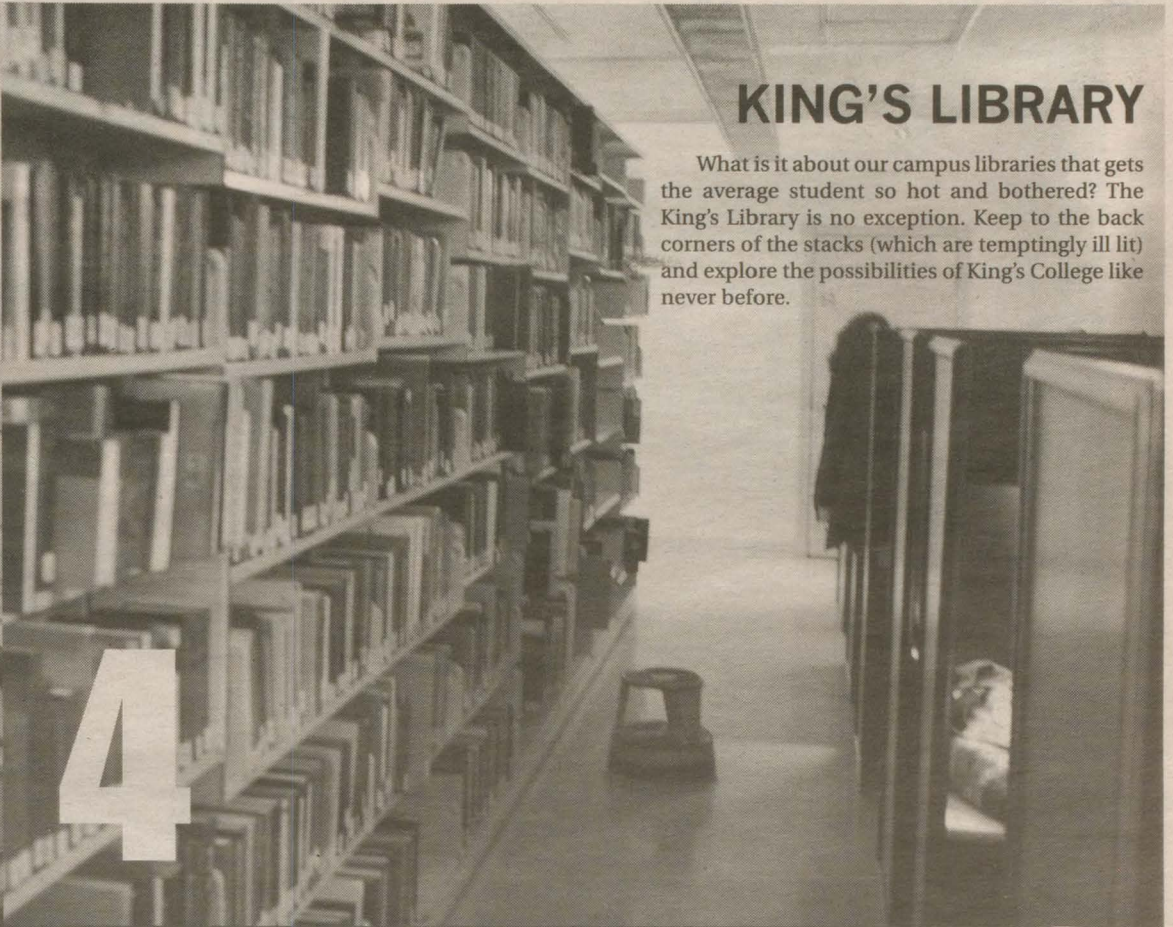


**VARSITY WEIGHT ROOM,  
 DALPLEX**



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This room is normally deserted and once you're inside, you can lock the door. The catch of course is that you must be a varsity athlete to access the weight room. You have one of several options: a) be a varsity athlete; b) find a varsity athlete who is intrigued by the possibility of getting caught; c) pick a Dal sports team, hope the guy working the desk at the Dalplex is either distracted or bored, and confidently say, "I'm with volleyball. Can I get the key to the varsity weight room?" Getting into this location is tricky but doable. And once you're in, remember these two magical words: exercise ball.



**KING'S LIBRARY**

What is it about our campus libraries that gets the average student so hot and bothered? The King's Library is no exception. Keep to the back corners of the stacks (which are temptingly ill lit) and explore the possibilities of King's College like never before.

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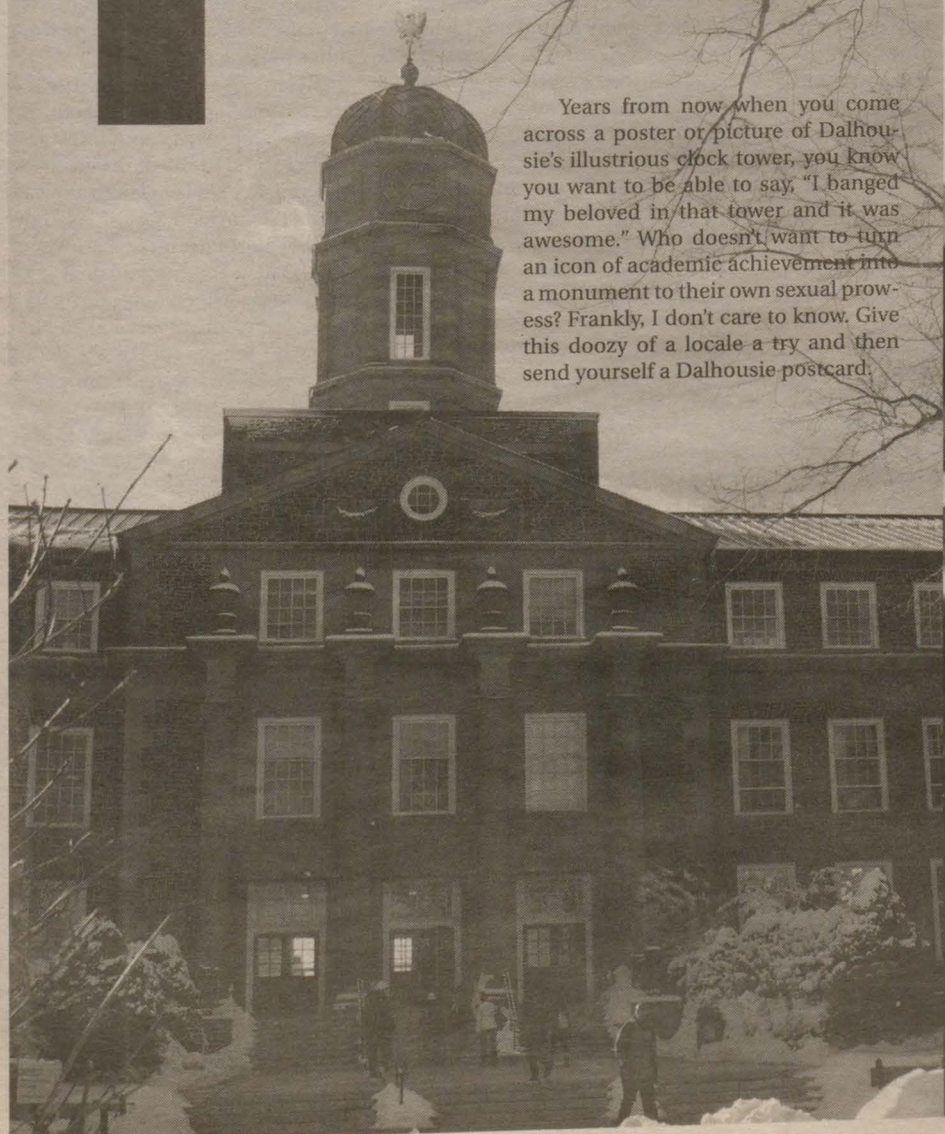
**DUNN BUILDING PLANETARIUM**

Cozy, dark and often empty, the planetarium offers the optimal trinity for on-campus coitus. Crossing this locale off your to-do list will make your future trips to the Dunn much more tolerable.

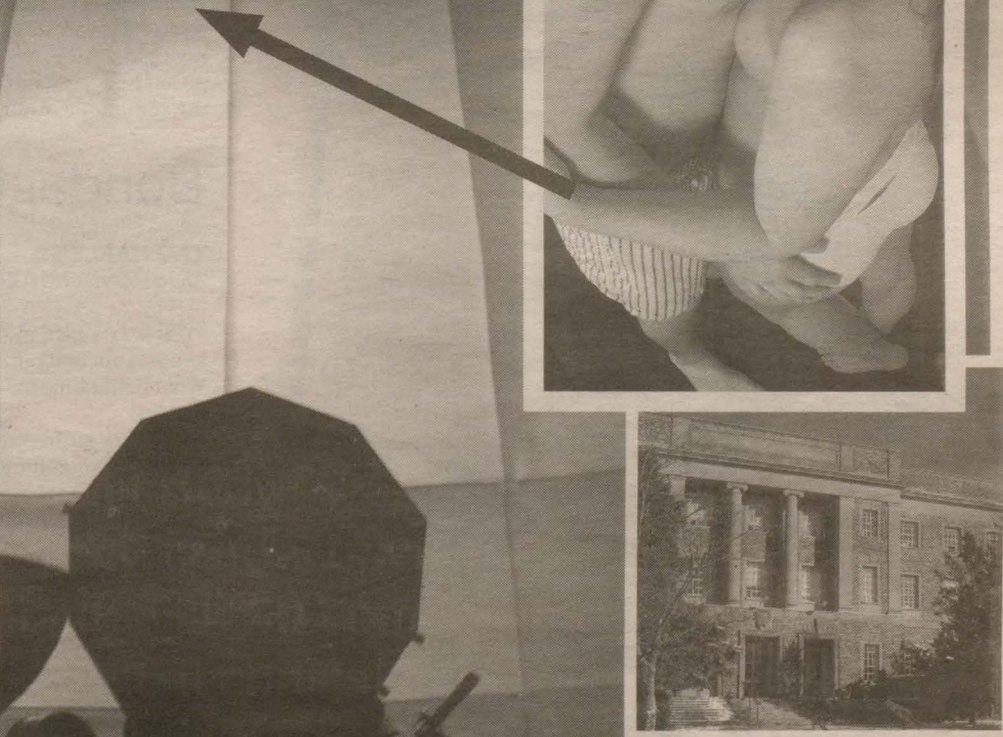
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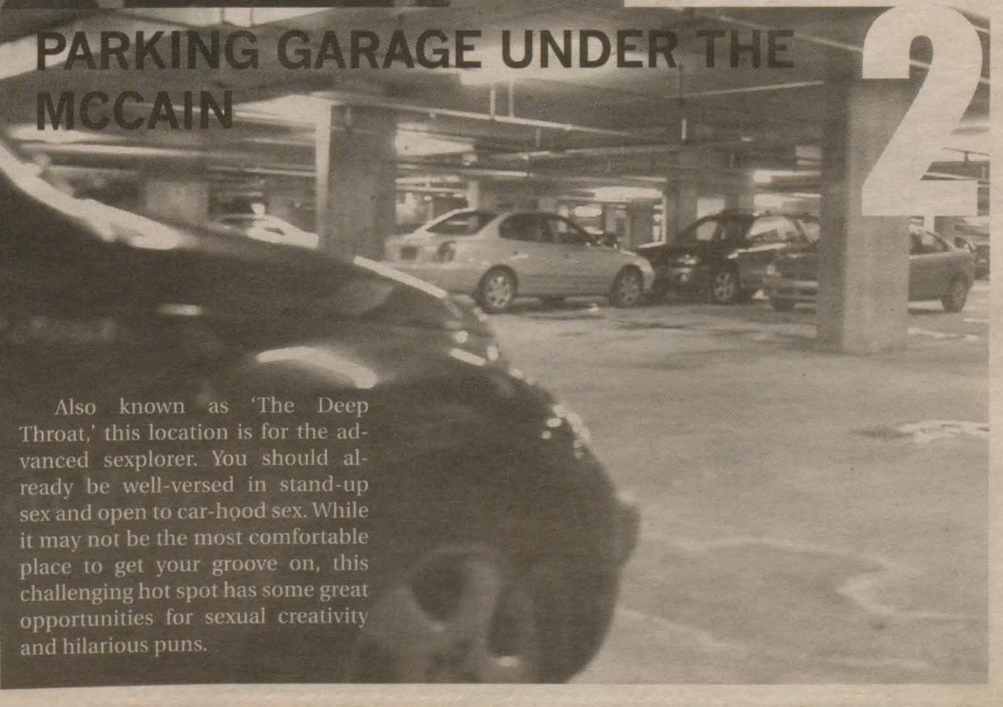
**1 HENRY HICKS  
 CLOCK TOWER**



Years from now when you come across a poster or picture of Dalhousie's illustrious clock tower, you know you want to be able to say, "I banged my beloved in that tower and it was awesome." Who doesn't want to turn an icon of academic achievement into a monument to their own sexual prowess? Frankly, I don't care to know. Give this doozy of a locale a try and then send yourself a Dalhousie postcard.

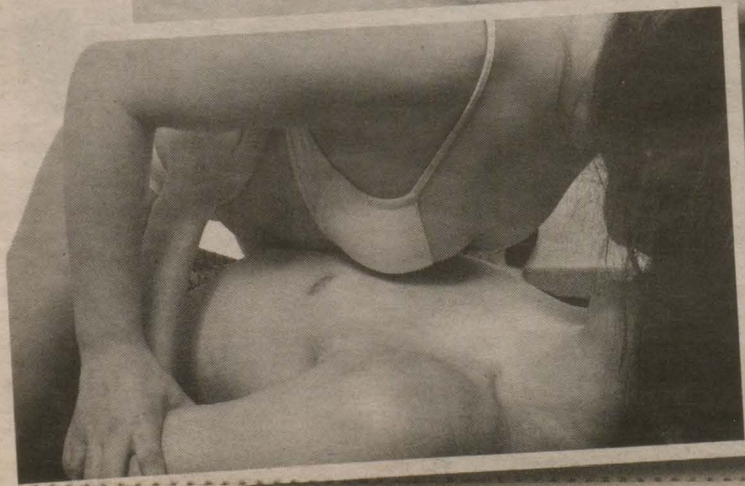


**PARKING GARAGE UNDER THE  
 MCCAIN**



Also known as 'The Deep Throat,' this location is for the advanced sexplorer. You should already be well-versed in stand-up sex and open to car-hood sex. While it may not be the most comfortable place to get your groove on, this challenging hot spot has some great opportunities for sexual creativity and hilarious puns.

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# Kiss and tell

Embarrassing sex stories from our writers. They'll be fucked if we use their real names.

## The period came back

**MORTA FAY CAZON**  
ARTS CONTRIBUTOR

My friend's boyfriend had a party in high school when his parents went away. I was feeling pretty cool hanging out with the older guys, and one of them in particular was being pretty nice. We started talking, had a couple cigarettes together, and ended up holding hands on the couch.

At the end of the night, we snuck into his friend's parent's room and turned off the light. We started fooling around. He fingered me and then one thing led to another - we had sex.

Little did I know that sometimes when a girl finishes her period and has sex, it can come back. After the deed was done, I was lying there and feeling the sheets under my bum. Completely soaked.

I guess my 'natural lubricant' and the period blood mixed together, because there was a huge stain the size of a watermelon on his friend's parent's sheets.

I put my tank top stealthily over the stain and scooted off to the bathroom. It looked pretty light, so I wasn't too worried about it. I thought that maybe it wasn't very noticeable. I went back into the room to find the lights on and the boy sitting on the edge of the bed, looking down at his fingers.

I looked to the sheets. The duvet was pulled down completely and my tank top was sitting perfectly over the stain.

I turned off the lights, not knowing if he was on to me or not.

The next morning, I decided to ward off random-hookup awkwardness and started with some small talk.

"You don't have a girlfriend, do you?"

Unfortunately he misheard me and thought I asked if he *wanted* a girlfriend. After a shocked, paralyzed look, I realized it and corrected the misunderstanding.

I rolled onto him to be cute and give him a kiss, and also to break the lull in conversation.

He was somewhat of a larger fellow so when I rolled onto him, I took enough blanket with me to reveal the pink stain.

We both looked down in mortification, and just then, he realized he should probably get an early start for work and left me to my mess.

It turned out that I stained the mattress too, and his friend's parent's found out about it.

Needless to say, he never called.

## Cinderella goes to college

**PATTY B. NAKED**  
ARTS CONTRIBUTOR

In first year, I found myself leaving Peddlers' Pub and heading to Risley Hall with a boy I had been flirting with all night.

After some non-penetrative, generous fun in his single bed, the boy went outside to have a cigarette. When he left I decided to run to the washroom. I couldn't find my pants and really had to go, so I wrapped my tight zip-up sweater around my naked body and ran out the door to the communal residence bathroom.

I left my shoe in the door to remember where his room was and so it wouldn't close and lock. It was three in the morning, so I was confident in not seeing anyone on my bold mission.

After peeing and checking out how much make-up I had under my eyes, I went out through the door on the other side of the washroom. Completely disoriented, I did a full loop through the maze of Risley.

The shoe was gone.

Having no idea what this guy's room number was or even what area his room was in, I began panick-

ing, walking half naked through the halls.

Pitter patter frantically by each door, I listened for his fan to narrow down the search. I took a guess at one particular room, adjusted my zip-up, and knocked.

One of my guy friends opened the door and burst out laughing when he saw the condition I was in. I sheepishly asked where the guy's room was, and he pointed two doors down.

I shamefully went into the right room, and snuck out the next morning fully clothed.

## Bondage and angry dads

**TAD HAPLESS**  
ARTS CONTRIBUTOR

It was a nice mid-July day - the sun was out and birds were chirping. What better time for some afternoon delight?

So my girlfriend of three years and I started getting hot and heavy in her basement bedroom of her parents' house. I was hesitant because I know her dad, who is not a very jolly fellow, had the day off and was around doing chores. I was sure my fornicating with his daughter would not be good for his already volcanic temper.

Unfortunately, the fear of getting caught only made the temperature in the bedroom rise and before I knew it, I was completely naked, tied up and blindfolded.

I'm not one to shy away from crazy new things (this may be what gets me in trouble). My girlfriend was going to town on my bound body when suddenly, we heard a knock on the door and a low, gravelly voice bellying behind it.

My girlfriend panicked and was frantically trying to find her clothes when she realized I was still tied up. She got my hands free and I raced into her closet, hard-on and all.

After many knocks and door-knob jiggles, she said, "Hold on Dad, I'm just finishing something on the computer." In actuality, she was scrambling to make it look like we weren't just having kinky sex.

I was still in the closet when she opened the door to her room several minutes later. Her dad was not happy man. He looked in the room and

the first thing he said was, "Where's your boyfriend?"

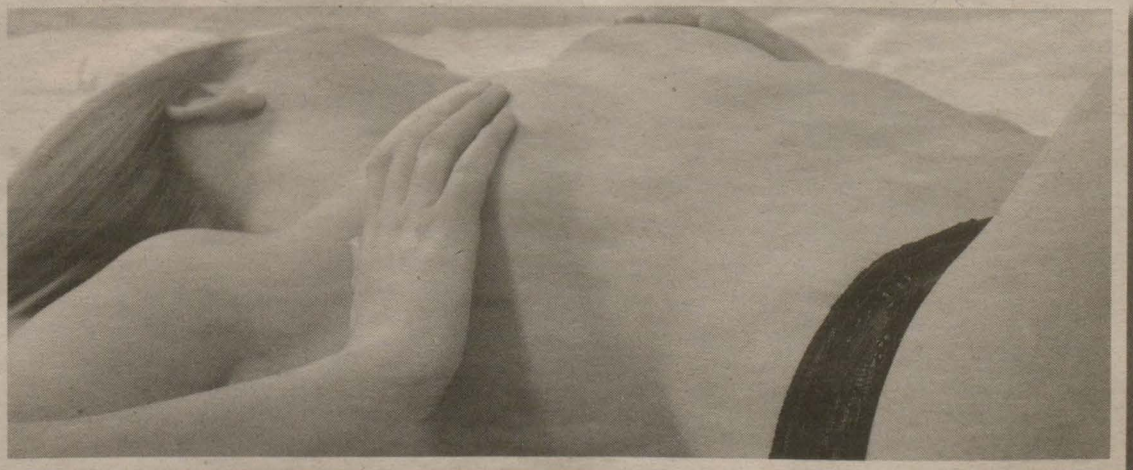
"Don't worry Dad," she said. "He's just in the closet helping me pick out clothes to pack for school."

This may have sounded true if it were close to September and our trip back to Halifax was soon, but it was July. As I stood in the dark closet, the only thing I could think of to say was, "Hey, is this dress O.K.?" As if I know anything about dresses.

As Dad was about to leave, he angrily said, "Nice computer work." I came out of the closet naked after he left, no longer sporting a raging semi, and looked at the computer.

Nothing but a blank screen.

So much for "finishing a little work on the computer." I'm just happy I came out of this experience with all my body parts.





# Stripping for tuition

AMY DEMPSEY  
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

Sugar may be sweet and tantalizing, but her stage name wasn't selected for its sexual connotation.

"My aunt picked it for me," says the 30-year-old exotic dancer and university student, who chose to remain anonymous for this story.

Sugar first stepped into the spotlight when she began modelling for extra cash in her early 20s. While she was working as an extra for a movie filmed in Halifax several years ago, she was asked to bare her breasts for the camera. Though she was hesitant at first, she eventually became comfortable with the idea and agreed to it.

Sugar met other women on set who were making extra cash by working as strippers and they recommended that she give exotic dancing a try.

"I talked to my family about it first," she says. And not just her mother and father, but her siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins as well.

"Even my grandmother," she laughs.

She says her family approved because they trusted her judgment and knew she would never compromise her integrity or put herself in danger. She says her family, friends and long-term boyfriend continue to be very supportive.

Sugar now has three years of exotic dancing under her belt and says she has stripped for over a thousand bachelor parties. Though she has built up a necessary store of body confidence, she remembers her first time onstage as terrifying.

"I was nervous just to take my clothes off. My knees were glued together and I was shaking," Sugar recalls. "I felt like I didn't know what I was doing."

Sugar's initial apprehension quickly vanished when she realized the profit potential of her new job.

"I made \$1,095 in 40 minutes," she says.

And that was just in tips. Depending on the venue, the set pay she receives from the hiring client adds several more \$100 bills to her nightly pay.

Needless to say, the chunk of student debt Sugar had accumulated before she became a dancer was soon paid off. Now in her final semester of university study, Sugar has no outstanding debt.

"Everything I have is paid for in cash," she says.

Sugar works independently but books events through an entertainment agency "for safety reasons." The agency performs background checks on potential clients and provides security for female and male dancers at the venues where they perform.

While she admits the mostly male audiences that watch her dance can be rude and disrespectful, Sugar says she has only had one major negative incident happen during her career.



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Despite the unique workplace hazards she faces, Sugar says most of the shows are "clean, professional and entertaining."

Once during a stage performance, while squatting seductively to pick up a tip, an excessively intoxicated client bit her in a very personal place.

"Right in the cookie," she says.

Despite the unique workplace hazards she faces, Sugar says most of the shows are "clean, professional and entertaining."

She stresses that the safety and legitimacy of the profession is not only in the hands of the clients, but also depends greatly on how individual dancers conduct themselves during performances. She asserts her own adherence to strict professional standards.

"I don't drink and I don't do drugs," she says.

According to Sugar, many dancers substitute confidence with substances, regularly using alcohol or illegal drugs before they perform.

The province of Nova Scotia prohibits skin-to-skin contact between

exotic dancers and clientele, but Sugar says "there are girls that will allow guys to touch them."

She also notes that many women "lead clients on" in order to encourage more tips, and some prostitute themselves. She says she's strongly opposed to this kind of behaviour and that it's a major contributing factor to the negative stigma associated with exotic dancing.

"Most [people] think that we're all whores, drug addicted with no education. And that we're lowlife," she says.

In 2007, the Breast Cancer Society of Canada rejected the offer of a \$6,000 dona-

tion from a Vancouver-based group of exotic dancers because they did not want to be associated with the strippers.

But the public outrage following this slight to the Exotic Dancers for Cancer suggests that perhaps societal attitudes toward the profession are beginning to change.

Joe Marcello says that this is the case. He's the owner of Atlantis Entertainment, a Halifax agency that hires dancers by contract to perform at various venues across the HRM.

"Attitudes are beginning to change because girls are becoming more secure with promoting their sexuality," he says.

He also cites the prevalence of scantily-clad pop culture icons and the increased presence of sex in the media as factors that contribute to the acceptance of exotic dancing.

Marcello, 40, has known Sugar since the beginning of her career and says she's "one of the best." As well as being an excellent dancer, Marcello says Sugar "has a good head on her shoulders."

Sugar says she will retire before the year is out. She will graduate from university in May and will end her stripping career in August.

She also has plans to get married and start a family.

When asked if she will tell her future children about her exotic past, her unhesitant reply is yes. While she recognizes the dark side of the business, Sugar says she believes she has maintained her integrity and stayed true to herself.

"I have no regrets whatsoever."



Sex Issue model



## A pornophile's lament

Dear MILF Hunter,

To tell you the truth, I don't know what to call you. Some say your name is Sean and others call you Hunter. It makes me wonder if your real name is Sean Hunter. I'm writing this letter as a way to express my deep admiration for the work you do on MILFHunter.com

It's magnificent. You see, I too feel professionals in your field are underappreciated. It's tough to realize the hardship you guys and gals endure everyday. And I feel, as an ambassador, you should broadcast this passion to the entire world.

Your daily routines are genuine feats of strength. That you display such drive and determination through the most unnatural of circumstances should be applauded. Having to do many different takes of the same excruciating double-axel dismount must be tiring. Having to pretend your sex partner is on the same wavelength as you must be tough. Gee whiz.

The reason for your magnificence is that you give people what they want. People want the story. They want a beginning middle and end. They want character development. They want a plot. Beautiful men and women will not suffice. We need to get to know these characters. What is it that makes this mother of three want to go to the strip club when her husband at home has \$35 million and buys speedboats to crash for fun? There's so much here.

You were the original. Seducing freaky fed-up mothers and showing them no mercy is your move. No one can take that away from you. Yet I wonder if your formula for success can sustain its raw charm at the tail end of this mostly forgettable decade.



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MILF Hunter is one man I'd love to fornicate with.

So many enterprising types are trying to steal your fire and dilute this masterful vision. MILF Lessons, MILFs Like It Big, and My Friend's Hot Mom are all intruders in your fortress of excellence. As these competitors continue to gain credit where it's not due, you need to raise the bar. You need to pull away from the field.

You need to be more selective with your subjects. Disguising a 22-year-old as a wise and neglected mother with plenty of sexual energy left to spend is not always the most believable of strategies. I'm sorry,

but I find it tough to picture these women as mothers. You're part of the Reality Kings porn network, and I yearn for a heavy dose of reality.

What separates you guys from the rest is that there's no overproduction. Dick goes in, dick comes out. Simple yet poignant. One gets a sense of the finer points of sex through your work, and that's priceless.

I hope to see you take an increased role in porn culture in the future, and if you ever need help with scenarios, please give me a call.

Your friend and number one fan,  
D.R.

## How to: Creep someone out of your bed

AMY DEMPSEY  
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

Maybe you've decided to take a vow of celibacy or maybe you just aren't attracted to your partner anymore, but for whatever reason, let's assume you want to end a sexual relationship.

Honesty is always the best policy but let's face it, most of us tend to avoid truth like the mumps.

So if you're having trouble ending things with a bed buddy, here are some quick and easy ways to make sure your next rendez-vous is your last.

Start by sitting your partner down and asking, politely, if your roommates can watch the two of you have sex. Before she can protest, cover her mouth and explain somberly that things just haven't been the same around the house since the boys lost the free porn channels on digital cable. With tears in your eyes, quietly tell her that you really think a live sex show would brighten their spirits.

As things heat up and you begin to undress, pick up and neatly fold each article of clothing as they slip off your partner's

body or your own. This includes socks, bras and underwear. Place them carefully on a nearby chair or table, smile brightly and carry on with the foreplay.

Ask your partner if he is into sex toys. If he says yes, raise your eyebrows seductively, then reach under your bed and pull out a giant pair of pliers.

When you're on top, raise your arms outward to shoulder level and, starting slowly, flap them as if you had wings. Close your eyes and combine the movement with a loud bird noise of your choice. Time the caws to match the rhythm of your thrusts.

While receiving oral sex, pick up your cell phone from the bedside table and dial a number. When your partner looks up, respond to his shocked and disgusted expression by encouraging him to continue and assuring him that the call will only

take a second. Then, shriek excitedly into the phone, "Hi Daddy!"

While giving oral sex, pause every 30 seconds and demand: "Are you almost finished?!" When your partner finally gets fed up and loses his erection, burst into uncontrollable sobs.

In the middle of the act, pause abruptly and ask if you can call the partner you're with Brenda. This works well if your partner's name is not Brenda, but even better if your partner is a man.

If you manage to make it through the entire act without getting slapped, punched or simply walked out on, use pillow talk to seal the deal. Confess that you feel really great because you've been working out so vigorously all week, then casually mention you haven't showered in nine days.



# Entrepreneur of the week:

Rachel Dodds, Sexy Girl Inc.

ARLEEN HAMMOND  
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

At one point, Rachel Dodds was working as a marketing manager for Kraft Foods and selling sex toys out of the back of her car. After nine years in the consumer packaged foods industry and only eight months selling toys out of her trunk, she called it quits at Kraft and made the move to sex.

In 2002, Dodds started Sexy Girl Inc. here in Halifax. Sexy Girl is an in-home party service exclusively for women. The company strives to provide women with sexual confidence by providing an interactive and educational experience at their parties.

Dodds says that sometimes women compromise themselves for sexual gratification, and can end up unfulfilled and attract the wrong kind of partners. She says that when you can fulfill yourself first, you begin attracting the right kind of people.

"Once a woman gets to a point in her life where she finally discovers that you don't need to rely on someone else for sexual gratification, it's exhilarating," she says.

Facilitating women's sexual confidence and gratification was one reason Dodds started her business. She also did it because she says there are a lot of products on the market that don't take women's health into consideration.

Dodds says a lot of products aren't regulated and can be harmful. Glycerin, which is an ingredient in most lubricants, can cause yeast infections, and jelly toys are porous and should be used with a condom.

While financing the business was difficult at first, Dodds found assistance from the Centre for Women in Business, which worked in conjunction with a credit union to finance Sexy Girl.

While she says she hopes to expand her business at some point, she doesn't want to run before she walks.

"I don't want to get too big too fast," Dodds says.

Her biggest piece of advice to anyone who wants to start their own business is to position yourself as a big company, make sure everything is done professionally, and assume that you will sell.

Dodds has half a dozen Sexy Girl consultants to host the parties now. And with her business experiencing great success, she finds her time is better spent in the office.

"I'm finally at the point now that I am not going to do the parties anymore, and I am really interested in just running the business."

She says that back when she did host them, the best parties she threw were for professional women.

"Definitely nurses, because nurses will talk about anything - especially when it comes to bodily fluids. And



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Rachel Dodds has been getting women off since 2002.

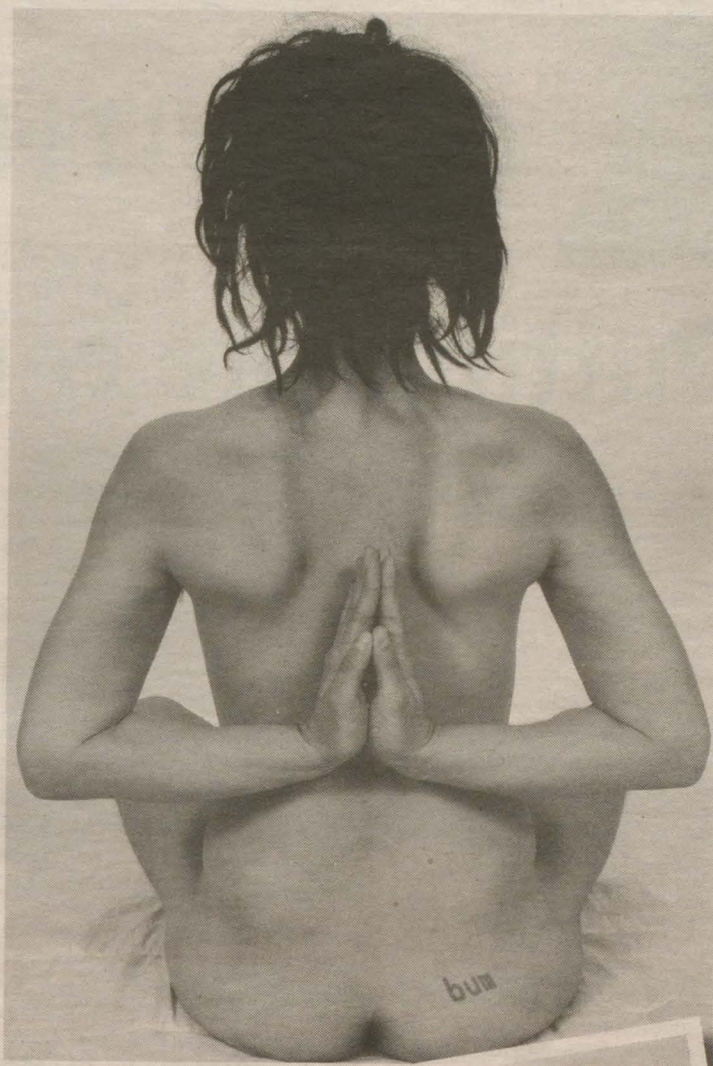
they have the best stories about what people get stuck up their bums."

She also loved to host parties in university residences, because the girls hung on every word.

The people of Halifax have been extremely supportive, Dodds says, and she's observed that Nova Scotia isn't as prudish as it might seem.

"(Nova Scotians) are a lot more receptive," she says. "And not as conservative as the rest of Canada thinks."

For more information visit [www.sexygirlonline.ca](http://www.sexygirlonline.ca) or email [info@sexy-girlparties.com](mailto:info@sexy-girlparties.com)



# These aren't your granny's panties



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FASHION CONTRIBUTOR

It's *The Gazette's* sex issue, and in the fashion world that means lingerie. Unfortunately for the fellas out there, I'm going to have to leave you out of this one. Aside from the age-old decision between boxers and briefs, there aren't many options out there when it comes to men's underthings. Just make sure to tame the back hair and you're good to go.

As for the ladies, looking sexy (nearly) naked may seem like an effortless task, but I think we can all empathize with the dilemma of trying to look hot when the clothes come off while remaining seamless in public.

Sure, there are tons of options out there in the form of baby dolls and bustiers, but it's not exactly easy to hide a corset under a tank top.

That being said, there are a number of ways to look hot in your bra and panties without having to rush off to the bathroom to change into a teddy.

First, make an effort to match. Matching doesn't mean running off and buying panties to go with all your favourite bras, but sticking to a certain colour pallet suddenly turns your undergarments into a second, very sexy outfit.

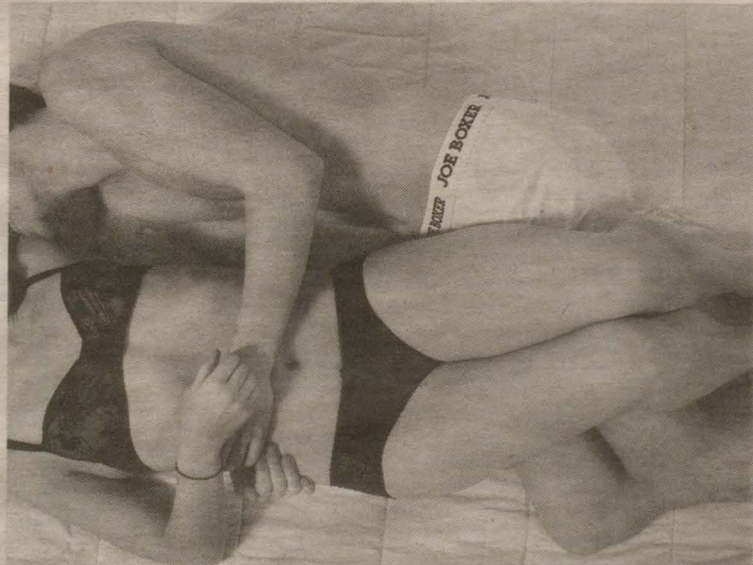
Another trick is to experiment with texture. What's sexier than a fire-engine red matching set? A fire engine-red matching set in *leather*.

Or sequins. Or even just some flowery, lacey appliqué. Ooh! Or *chiffon*. Or satin! There are endless possibilities in this department. As long as your underthings scream, "These aren't your everyday panties!" you'll be letting your partner know there's something seriously special and sexy going on.

Probably the most practical and

to be sedated. The icing on the cake is not having to wrestle with the top of the tights each time you go to the bathroom.

As a general rule, a demi-cup is hotter than a full-cup bra. Ladies lacking in the chest department can pull this off easier because they don't need much support. Also, keep in mind that colour is key, so leave the



This is a case where less is definitely more.

easy trick for adding a little spice to your everyday underwear is trading in your tights for a pair of thigh-high pantyhose. They're usually pretty cheap and easy to find at your local drug store (next to the regular tights) and with magic little rubber rings running along the inside of a lacey thigh-grip, they both stay up easily and look incredibly hot. Keep a black pair of these babies on while wearing a black lace bra and panty set and your partner just might have

white cotton panties for your sexy schoolgirl role-playing and trade them in for seductive black or anything red.

Above all, remember that it's not so much about the style but how you wear it. White cotton granny panties can be hot after a sensual striptease, and the sexiest red corseted teddy is a waste of money if you insist on keeping the lights off. There's nothing sexier than confidence. But of course, a little lace could never hurt.





## SEX WITH HUGH

# Putting the S in M

Since this week at The Gazette, we are publishing what I fondly call "my issue," I have decided to explore fetishism. This is a completely new topic for me and one that I admittedly have been avoiding. It's not that I don't have fetishes or act upon them (because I do), but it's just a little more difficult to write articles about things I have little experience with.

Sadism and masochism are two kinds of sexual fetishes that combine pain and pleasure. The 'punishment' can take on two forms: verbal and physical, and can have the goal of pain, humiliation and degradation, among other things.

First I would love to try and describe to you, my lovely readers, what exactly these two terms mean. I would like to forewarn people that these definitions may not be 100 per cent accurate according to each person who practices a form of BDSM.

A sadist is someone who derives pleasure, whether sexual or otherwise, from the pain and/or suffering of their partner. The control, however, does not necessarily lie with them.

Conversely, a masochist is someone who derives pleasure, whether sexual or otherwise, from being humiliated or abused by their partner. This is sometimes confused with submission, where the person in question does not take the active or controlling role.

But this is not the case. It can be argued that a masochistic person shares equally in the control of the situation, especially in terms of withholding or drawing out the process of gratification.

Much of what I've read in prepa-



ration for this article suggests that S&M scenarios are predetermined by the couple and agreed upon by both parties. Since the masochist is having the majority of these activities performed on them, the ball is essentially in their court. The partner receiving the 'pain' usually controls more of the encounter than you might think.

I'm sure we're all familiar with the term dominatrix. Examples of these female pain-inflictors have been portrayed in films for quite some time. A dominatrix is a woman who takes the role of the sadist or the dominant in a sexual setting.

An example of a dominatrix in pop culture is the character of Severin in the movie *Shortbus* by John Cameron Mitchell. However, this example brings prostitution into play as she is hired by a client to dominate him.

The psychological basis of S&M is widely debated and has been for quite some time. It started with

German psychologist Richard von Krafft-Ebing, who coined both of these terms in 1886 in his case study *Psychopathia Sexualis*.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV, published in 1994, concludes that sadism and masochism are no longer considered clinical illnesses themselves, but that they pose potential difficulties for the sadist's/masochist's ability to live a 'normal life.' This seems to be a far cry from the original labels of perversion and deviance that were applied to sadistic and masochistic practices previously.

As far as the actual practice of sadism and masochism goes, it seems that there are no limitations or certain set of guidelines. The variation between something as subtle as play-biting or spanking versus the use of whips and various other torture equipment is a true testimony to the diversity of S&M play.

For an introduction to the practice, I suggest a lot of internet research. There is no harm that can come from reading erotic S&M fiction or researching techniques.

I would suggest, however, that if you are interested in indulging in something a little more rough, you may want to do so with a partner you trust. That way if anything goes wrong or you don't like it, you are less likely to feel embarrassed or vulnerable.

So if you find yourself hungering for something a little more naughty or exciting, try out some beginner S&M. You have nothing to lose, except maybe your confidence or humility - temporarily.

## The five sexiest plays of all time

DAN BRAY  
STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

The following plays are so sexy that if you see them with your significant other, not only will they be awed by your cultural cognizance, but the sultry undertones will be coming at you so quickly that you'll be lucky if you don't get thrown out for interrupting the performance.

### 1. *The Bacchae*

Euripides' famous tragedy, centered around Dionysus, is just as titillating now as it was in 405 BCE. The *Bacchae* tells the story of a young deity who is born under scandalous circumstances, and his resolve to clear his mother's reputation. In an act of revenge, Dionysus - the Greek god of wine and raucous partying - compels all the women in Thebes to sojourn with him to the woods, where they partake in a festival of orgiastic delights.

### 2. *The Duchess of Malfi*

Think about that Harlequin romance you read over the summer, in which a beautiful aristocrat falls in love with her hunky - albeit virtuous - chauffeur or gardener or kidnapper. Now, compare it to John Webster's insane drama, *The Duchess of Malfi*, wherein the titular widow breaks every rule in the book so she can marry her steward, Antonio. The result is a flurry of blood and passion that is sure to delight both parties. It's a story about the women who will do whatever they can to avoid being murdered, and the men who love them.

### 3. *Gallathea*

You're probably unlikely to come across John Lyly's little play due to its obscurity, but if you're keen on horror movies or lesbianism, then you'd better join a theatre and promote it. When a monster emerges in a sleepy village and demands the most beautiful virgin, a pair of fathers usher their daughters into the nearest forest, slap some boys' clothes on them and leave them to their own devices. At its heart, *Gallathea* is an unconventional and outrageous sexual awakening.

### 4. *Measure for Measure* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

*Measure for Measure* is sure to take guys' appreciation of Shakespeare to a whole new level. In a land where sex is

outlawed, one nun must use her feminine wiles to persuade a frigid despot to recant his Puritan law and spare her brother, who is facing death for knocking up his fiancée before the wedding. In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, handsome Greek men crawl through the mud, declaiming their love and desire. When a love potion goes awry, down-and-out Helena suddenly discovers that she has more men than she knows what to do with. Hilarity, romance and just a little bit of sex ensue.

### 5. *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*

An awkward school-teacher, Constance Ledbelly, finds herself torn between the raging battlefield of Othello and the hyper-sexual swelter of Romeo & Juliet. The old spinster is suddenly in the middle of all kinds of trouble, from Desdemona's adulterous suspicions to Romeo's prepubescent advances to Juliet's hard-core lesbianism. Ann-Marie MacDonald's comedy is sure to keep audiences roaring and lovers anticipating the after party.

### And the not so sexy...

#### *Oedipus Rex* (Sophocles)

Unless you're Buster Bluth, this tragedy about a son who mistakenly boinks his mother is unlikely to rouse any romantic sentiments. Maybe not for a first date. Or any date.

#### *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* (Ford)

Don't be fooled by the name. Similar to Oedipus, Ford's tragedy focuses on another brother who decides to tell his sister about his love for her. Unfortunately, his feelings are reciprocated and they make nice. A lot.

#### *Equus* (Shaffer)

A young boy with a penchant for nude equestrianism blames horses for his erectile dysfunction. Avert your eyes, unless you're seeing the Daniel Radcliffe production and have always secretly hoped that Harry Potter's *Phallus-Exposio* charm would backfire.

#### *A Chaste Maid in Cheapside* (Middleton)

A look at London's seedy underbelly. You might get a venereal disease just watching it, not to mention it's so obscure that you won't know what the hell's going on.

# The bon and the bad of bondage

The idea of being held down, held back or held in general has always held some sexual intrigue. Bondage is not a new practice, but it's not getting old.

For those of you who already practice bondage, this might be old news. But for those of you who haven't tried it, hopefully I can educate you enough so you can try this stuff at home.

First off, bondage requires some form of restraint. We have two types of bondage: verbal and physical.

In verbal bondage, the dominant partner (or the one who chooses to be dominant first) simply tells their partner what they want them to do. This works something like this: "You'd better not move your legs." You can of course be more forceful, more suggestive and obviously, choose your own words.

In physical bondage, you can play with all kinds of materials like rope, handcuffs and a little device called the monoglove (look it up).

There are many different things you can do to your partner when they're tied up. To start, you can masturbate them. This includes jacking-off, fingering, anal fingering, etc. Then of course you can kick it up a notch with a myriad of oral options that include blowjobs, cunnilingus and rimming.



Then of course you can engage in pure, passionate intercourse.

The practice of bondage doesn't necessarily require a lot of talking - at least not while you're tied up and especially not if you have a ball gag in your mouth. You often have to rely on the non-verbal communication of your partner. You respond to their writhing, breathing, moaning and other body language.

One of the most exciting aspects of bondage is the bondee's inability to react to the stimulus. This creates more sexual tension and definitely drives the energy way up.

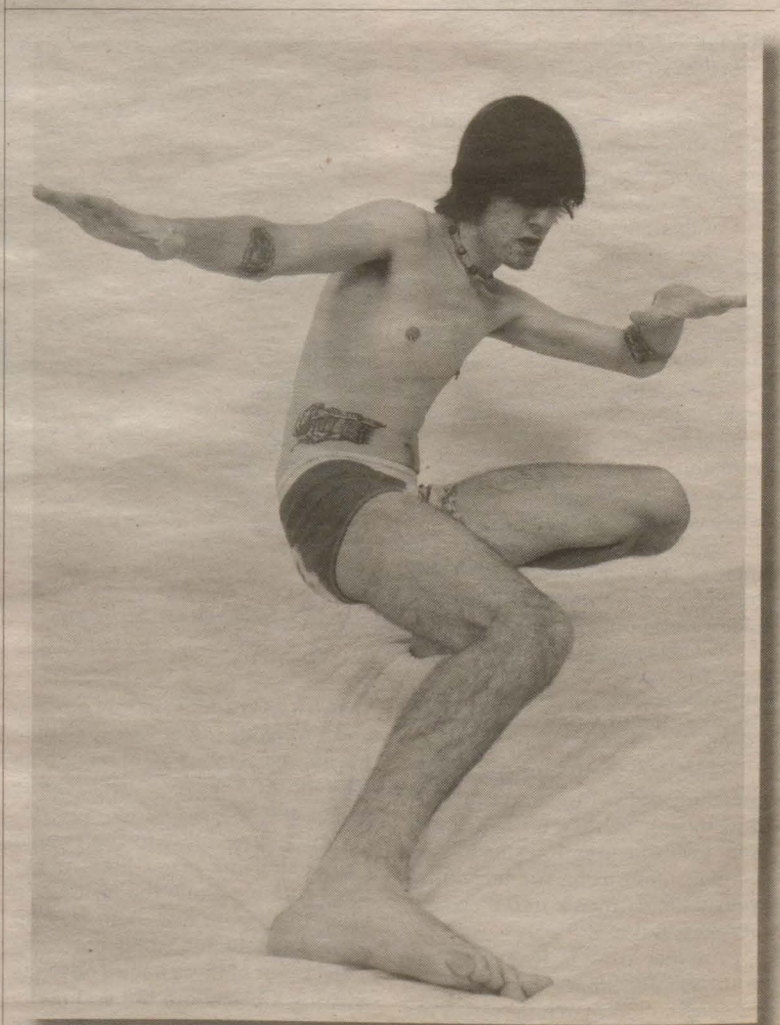
A word of caution - it's really im-

portant that before you start using equipment and tying each other up that you understand safewords. A safeword is something that you and your partner agree on beforehand that means all action must stop immediately.

Some examples are words like 'firetruck' or 'apple' or whatever you want. These are useful, especially if it turns you on to tell your partner 'no' and 'stop,' but don't actually want them to stop. You should also establish some sort of safe action like rapid eye blinking or reject action by turning over. It's important that you stay safe and comfortable when you're using things that could harm you physically (i.e. rope) and emotionally.

This brings me to the next point of safety. If you're using rope, make sure you're adept at knots and know how tightly to bind your partner. You wouldn't want to tighten the ropes too much. To check to make sure you haven't cut off blood flow to the hands or feet, push down on one of your partner's nails so that it turns white. If their blood flow is decreased or cut off, the nail bed will stay white or turn red really slowly.

You should always check with your partner before continuing on to the next stage of intensity or adding additional restraints.



## Guide to Tigers playoffs

**JULIE SOBOWALE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

So far, the season has looked bright for several Dalhousie Tigers teams. With the winter season nearly at a close, three Tigers teams head into the postseason with a chance to build on their hometown advantage. Here's what to watch for the next few weeks.

### Men's basketball

After a season of struggles, the Tigers men are headed for the postseason. The team solidified their spot in the playoffs with an impressive 101-59 win against the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleus on Feb. 10. With only two weeks left in the regular season, the Tigers are on their way to ending the season on a high note.

Second-year star Simon Farine is ranked second in the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) league in assists, averaging 5.09 per game, and is ranked fifth in scoring, averaging 16.9 points per game.

The Tigers will face the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in the AUS quarterfinals on Mar. 7. Last year the Tigers didn't get past the first round, as they were defeated by the Acadia University Axemen 77-66.

The AUS championships will be held at the Halifax Metro Centre from Mar. 7 to 10.

### Women's basketball

As expected, the Tigers women remain on the hunt to qualify for the AUS championships. The Tigers have only four games left in the regular season, but are nearly guaranteed a playoff spot. With a solid 10-6 season record, it's uncertain who the Tigers will face in the playoffs.

### Women's hockey

There are only two games left in the regular season, but the Tigers secured a playoff spot early on. The team still has work to do with a so-so 9-10 season record. The Tigers will end their season playing against one of the top teams in Canada, the St. Mary's University Huskies on Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.

The Huskies are ranked third in Canada and are contenders for the



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The Tigers secured the fifth spot in the AUS playoffs.

AUS championships. Besides having a successful season, the Huskies will have a home-ice advantage as they host this year's AUS championships.

The Tigers won't have too much time to prepare for the playoffs. They

will face the St. Thomas University Tommies. Things didn't work out so well for the Tigers last year when they played the Tommies in the playoffs. The Tommies crushed the Tigers 8-1 in last year's AUS quarterfinals.



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Both the men and women won the AUS championships, picking up tons of individual medals along the way.

## Tigers swim past the competition

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SPORTS EDITOR

It was a clean sweep for the Tigers once again as the men's and women's swimming teams won the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) championships. Not only did the Tigers take the top prize, but all of the individual AUS top honours were given to Tigers athletes as well. Bryan Fumerton and Chantal Percival were named the men's and women's Rookie of the Meet. Bryce Tung and Lauren Dorrington were also named Swimmers of the Meet. Overall, the Tigers medaled in every event, for both men and women.

No team had a chance to catch the Tigers women. They scored nearly 300 points more than the second place finishers, the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds. Dorrington's commanding performance brought her six gold medals, with Percival taking home three medals. The Tigers women won over two dozen individual medals.

The relays were golden for the Tigers. Gemma Lawson, Rebecca Easton, Jenn Brown and Dorrington won in the 400m freestyle with a time of 4:02.12 minutes. Maggie Jones, Johannah Profit, Terri-Lynn Benison and Dorrington won in the 400m medley with a time of 4:30.64 minutes.

Many individual events were stacked with Tiger talent. Four Tigers women swept the 50m freestyle. Dorrington came in first with a time of 27.28 seconds, Becky Harrison in

second with 27.93 seconds, Brown in third with 28.54 seconds and Lawson in fourth with 28.65 seconds.

In the 50m breaststroke, Dorrington again won gold with a time of 34.10 seconds, followed by Profit, who won silver with a time of 36.16 seconds and Kate Archibald, who won bronze with a time of 36.64 seconds.

The same story played out in the 200m IM with Dorrington in first with 2:25.73 minutes, Brown in second with 2:28.33 minutes, Percival in third with 2:29.86 minutes and Renata Jaciw-Zurakowsky in fourth with 2:31.75 minutes.

On the men's team, Fumerton won five medals, including two gold medals in the men's 1500m freestyle with a time of 16:24.72 minutes and in the men's 800m relay with a time of 7:45.27 minutes.

The same individual event sweeps occurred on the men's side as well. In the men's 200m freestyle, Brannyn Hale won the gold with a time of 2:53.87 minutes, Robin Grant won the silver with a time of 1:57.01 minutes and Kostya Kharitonov won the bronze with a time of 1:57.26 minutes. Tung won the 50m breaststroke race with a time of 27.58 seconds, the 100m breaststroke with 58.18 seconds and was part of the gold medal 400m freestyle team.

The Tigers next challenge will be competing at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport championships held from Feb. 21 to 23 in Victoria, B.C. Last year the men finished third and the women finished 13th overall.

## Athletes of the week

### FEMALE ATHLETE

LAUREN DORRINGTON  
SWIMMING



Lauren Dorrington won all four individual events (100m breaststroke, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 200m IM) and two relays (400m freestyle relay, 400m medley relay) that she competed in at the AUS Swim Championship hosted at UNB over the weekend. She was named AUS Female Swimmer of the Meet and helped lead the Dalhousie team to a first-place finish. She previously qualified for the CIS Championship and will be joined by 18 other Dalhousie swimmers on Feb. 21 to 23 at UBC. Dorrington is a fourth-year sociology student from Uxbridge, Ont.

Other nominees: Heather Owens (volleyball), Jocelyn LeBlanc (hockey)



### MALE ATHLETE

BRYCE TUNG  
SWIMMING



Bryce Tung won three individual events (50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle) and two relays (400m freestyle relay, 400m medley relay) at the AUS Swim Championship hosted at UNB over the weekend. He was named AUS Male Swimmer of the Meet and helped lead the Dalhousie team to a first-place finish. He previously qualified for the CIS Championship and will be joined by 18 other Dalhousie swimmers on Feb. 21 to 23 at UBC. Tung is a fourth-year kinesiology student from Toronto, Ont.

Other nominees: Germain Bendegue (basketball), Niklas Rademacher (volleyball), Robert Dunphy (hockey)



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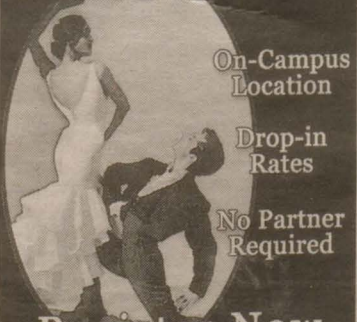
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GAME 1 vs. UNB, 8PM

**SAT., FEB. 16**

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL vs. CBU, 2PM

WOMEN'S HOCKEY vs. SMU, 3PM

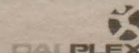
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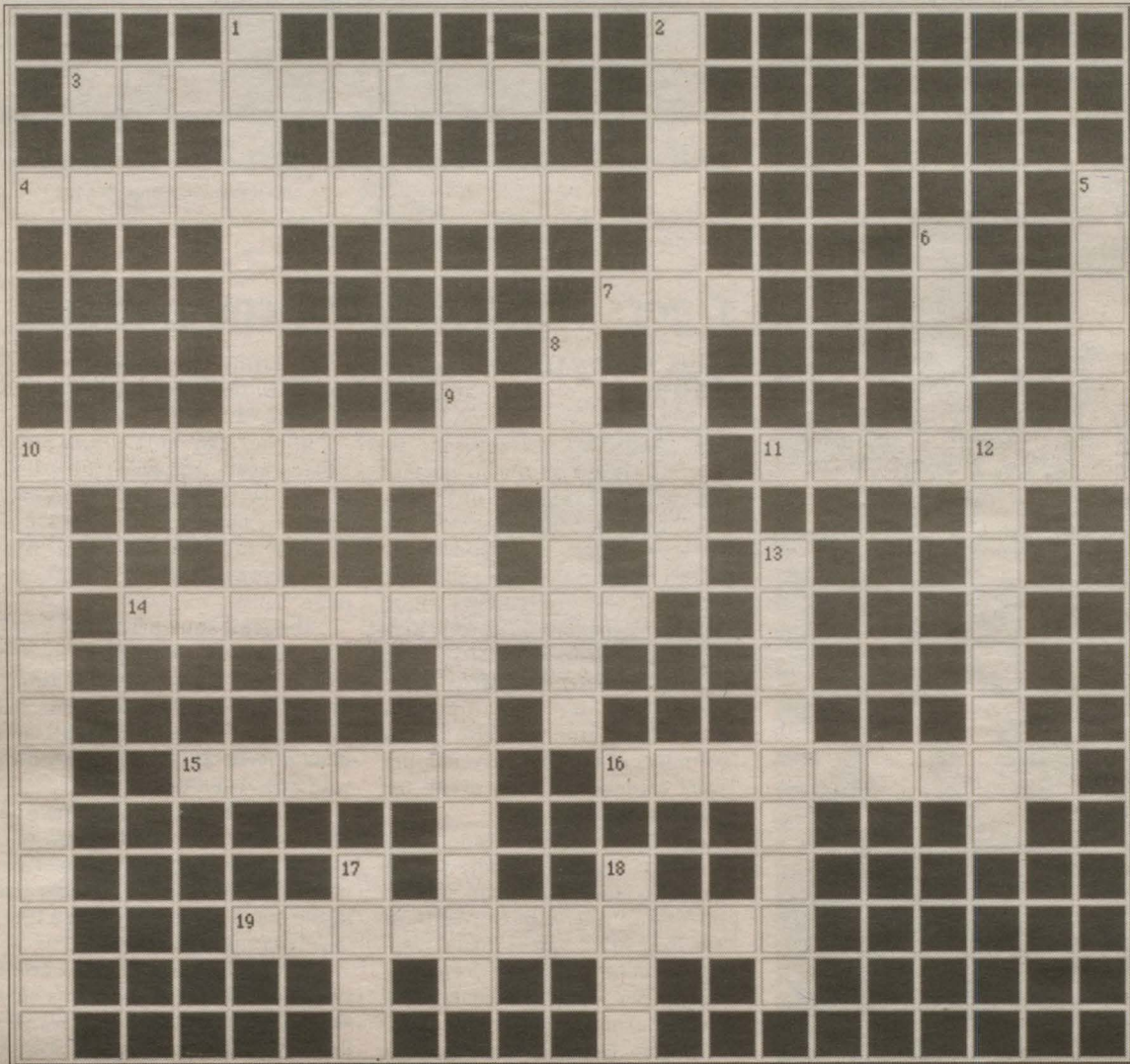
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- 3. An STD that typically shows no symptoms
- 4. Where the G-spot is located (2 wds)
- 7. STD symptom is frequent yeast infection in mouth
- 10. Small red bumps, blisters or open sores (2 wds)
- 11. Original purpose was surgical lubricant (2 wds)
- 14. Small, marble-sized metal balls used for sexual stimulation (3 wds)
- 15. Jimmy Hat
- 16. Vibrator from *Sex and the City* (2 wds)
- 19. A position in *Kama Sutra*, seated, mouth to mouth, arms against arms, this against thighs. (2 wds)

**Down**

- 1. Activity that speeds up metabolism
- 2. Symptom is dark-coloured urine
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ *Night Sex Show*
- 6. "No \_\_\_\_\_, no love."
- 8. At late stages, this STD can damage the brain, nerves, eyes and liver
- 9. Famous porn star
- 10. Causes fleshy, cauliflower-like appearance on genitals (2 wds)
- 12. Type of condom proven to not barrier infection
- 13. Pain or burning while peeing, you might be able to catch it from a tractor
- 17. "\_\_\_\_\_ curtains."
- 18. Type of fetish

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**SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)**

Pop goes the cherry. Someone just opened a bottle of Prosecco and is pouring it into your mouth. Are they turning you on? Do you find chicken legs sexy, or think it's the thighs that count? Don't be too distracted when you're working out at the gym. If you play it cool, you will be sweating for more reasons than just losing weight.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)**

Buy chocolate for the one you desire. If you're lucky, they'll do more than light your fire. You are gonna wanna make like a lollipop and get the lick out of here. Don't get upset when they say you have pepperoni nipples. Just reply that they are made from the finest meat in town. Tell them to make like a sandwich and you'll bring the meat. Just make sure their bread is buttered.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)**

You will finally get pushed up against the wall by the one you love. Love is in the air and Cupid's got an arrow for you. Everyone likes to do the horizontal mambo - it's just a matter of what tune you do it to. With the right partner, all your moves will be smoother than a strawberry milkshake. Massage to the beat. All you need is a little bump and grind. Boom boom boom boom, they want you in their room. It's a hump off.

**AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)**

Are you feeling randy, and candy just won't do? I think it's time to end your stint at the gym and realize that the more cushion you have for the pushin', the more of you there is to love. They taught you abstinence is the best method of birth control, but you can't unwrap it or pop it in pill form when you want to bump uglies. Hop on the good foot and do the bad thing, but take proper safety measures.

**PISCES (February 20 - March 20)**

Ride a horse bareback this week. You might just meet your mate and end up on a lovely unexpected date. You will be picked in the final rose ceremony. Tila Tequila is choosing you based on your packaging. A bubble bath in a giant champagne glass will turn into a little more than some bubbly bubbly.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)**

There are no more monsters underneath your bed, so you'll finally be able to sleep with the nightlight off. Someone made a comic book of your life, but it's not funny to you. Demand respect but don't embarrass yourself. It's necessary to laugh most of the time. Students are your friends. Exfoliate and you will remove what you don't want. Shine your shoes, guv'na.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)**

You are gazing at the architecture of Helsinki when you should be wandering down the red light district of Amsterdam. They call it a live sex show because it's live sex. This is the week to make some serious whoopie. You called to the world to spice up your life. Apples are the forbidden fruit, so take a bite or walk away. It's up to you whether you want to give into temptation.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**

You have an angel sitting on your shoulder at all times. The angel is in cahoots with Cupid and Hermes. They will soon be devising an elaborate plan to make you and the one you are in love with come together. Just make sure that when it gets down to it, the getting is good. Go on and get jiggy with your fine self.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**

Your watermelons are looking extra succulent this week. The question is, who wants to suck on your seeds? Share your fruit and the boobs will follow. If you're wondering whether the train will ever let you off, you should be asking who is going to get you off. The ex-factor will not be a factor for you, but a sex variable is most certainly going to come into play.

**LEO (July 24 - August 23)**

Bells will be ringing and Cleveland steamers will be hot. To do the Eiffel Tower you need three people, but that's no reason to make it a love triangle. Look at an issue from all angles and the sailboat will park itself. Are you a member of the mile high club? Because if not, you will be soon. Superman that who? Ohhh.

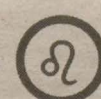
**VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)**

A bouquet of roses will lead to the deflowering of a lover. The missionary position is good if you're a fan of Thomas Aquinas, but why not try to mix things up a bit? Fellatio ain't just for spacey hos. Bill Clinton's alright with it and so is Hillary. Just make sure you don't have to end up playing something off as hair gel when you damn well know it ain't.

**LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)**

Shake it like a Polaroid picture. Shake it like you want it. If you back that ass up, you'll get that nightcap. The gazebo is screaming your name in the Public Gardens - it is in need of a good romping. A sassy outfit with some bling bling and a little peacock will lead to the next fine thing. Drop the soap in the shower and see who looks.

Martina Jakubchik-Paloheimo



- 1. Masturbation
- 2. Hepatitis B
- 3. Chlamydia
- 4. Frontal Wall
- 5. Sunday
- 6. Clave
- 7. HIV
- 8. Syphilis
- 9. Jenna Jameson
- 10. Genital Herpes
- 11. RT Jilly
- 12. Genital Warts
- 13. Lambskin
- 14. Ben Wa Balls
- 15. Condom
- 16. The Rabbit
- 17. Beef
- 18. Foot
- 19. The Tortoise



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## IIE 2008 Toronto: Industrial Engineering Student Conference

SARAH DUNFIELD

Thirty-one Dalhousie Industrial Engineering students traveled to the 28th annual Institute of Industrial Engineering (IIE) Canada Student Conference in Toronto on January 10th to 13th.

This year's conference "Experience the Full Spectrum," hosted by Ryerson University attracted approximately 250 students and 100 industry professionals. This event was an excellent opportunity for students to attend lectures, and demonstrate their engineering skills through various competitions.

The Dalhousie students proudly received the acclaimed Golden I Award for the second year in a row; it is given to the school with the most participation and school spirit.

The Design Competition Team composed of Scott Wetton, Johnna Campbell, Kendal Murphy and Jorge Aguirre, placed



first among eight participating schools. As well, Dalhousie student James Friars achieved second place in the Technical Paper Competition.

Receiving these honors is a demonstration of the student's commitment to proudly represent both the Industrial Engineering Department and Dalhousie University at this event.

We would like to thank all our

sponsors who helped make the successful trip possible. These include: Shell, Wilson's Fuels, Scotsburn Dairy Group, Engineers of Nova Scotia, Dalhousie Alumni Association, Dalhousie President Dr. Tom Traves, Dalhousie Dean of Engineering Dr. Joshua Leon, and Dalhousie Department of Industrial Engineering.



## NEWS

Feb. 14: Dating Society Speed Dating

Feb. 15: Sexy Trivia

Feb. 21: Three Sheets – Waterpolo Society

Feb 22: Trivia

Mar 1 – 8: National Engineering Week

Mar 4: "Gear Head" 1/10th Marathon: 7am

Mar 4: APENS Student Professional Network Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mar 8: IRON RING

Note: Check out the "Rick Mercer Report" on Tuesday, Feb. 19th for his coverage of Dalhousie University

## Sexual Prowess Confirmed: Practically Non-Existent

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EDITOR

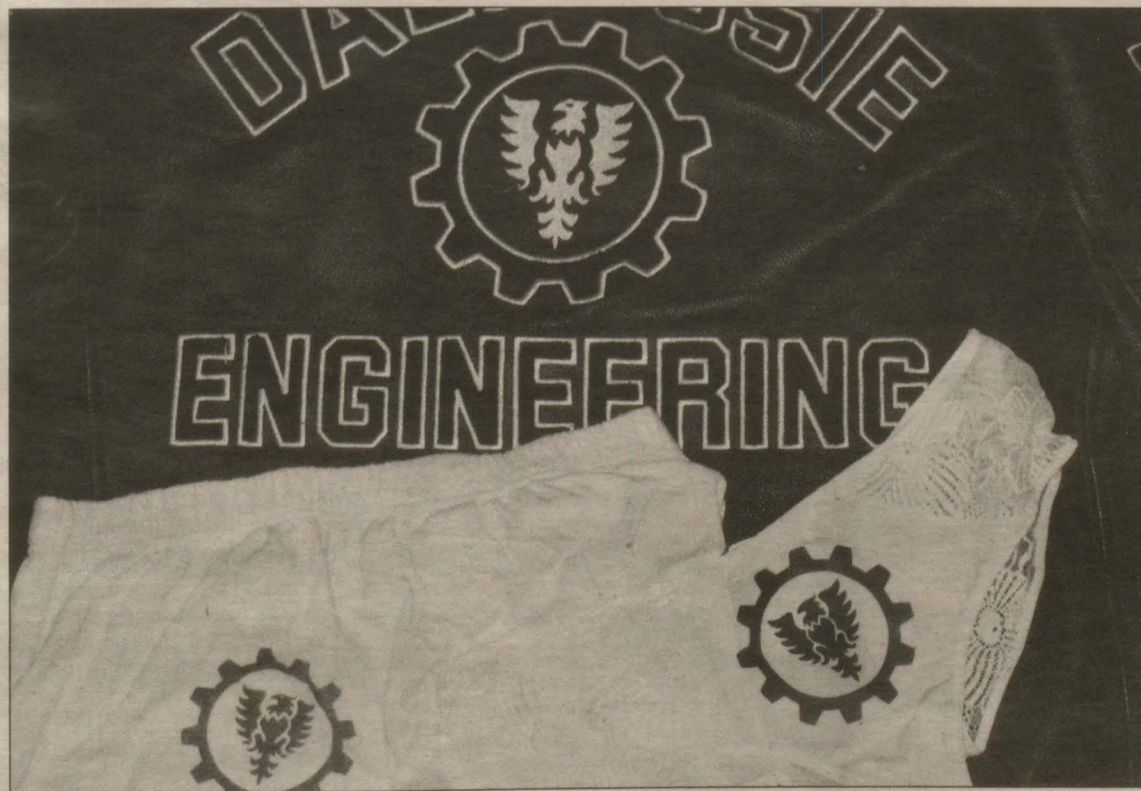
SCOTT WETTON  
DSEUS PRESIDENT

Let us first begin by saying that throughout our exploration into the proof behind the sexual prowess possessed by Engineers, you may in fact be right.

That being said, in the true spirit of the Engineer, we would like to take your challenge, and offer what we believe to be "proof".

Let us first refer to the often-quoted "Top 10 Reasons to Date an Engineer."

10. Free body diagrams.
9. We have significant figures.
8. Projectile motion; need we say more?
7. We know the Right Hand Rule.
6. No "couple" enjoys a better "moment."
5. Can go all night with no hint of fatigue.
4. We know how to handle stress and strain in a relationship.
3. The world does not revolve around us... we pick the coordinate system.
2. According to Newton, if two bodies interact, their forces are equal and opposite.



1. We know it's not the length of the vector that counts, but how you apply the force.

Now if this doesn't have you convinced, we will tackle some of the issues that have been brought

to our attention. Firstly, we have been compared to those on upper campus, specifically the "Studs of

Studley."

To this, we would like to say that we do in fact spend two years on Studley campus becoming Studs. We would like to emphasize that we only require two years to accomplish this.

The geographical divide inevitably removes those qualified, whilst ensuring adequate resources for those requiring the full four years.

Although our course titles may not be titillating, it is difficult to deny the natural attraction to someone who can: attend 28 hrs of class a week, complete at least 5 assignments per week, survive the nightmare of lab reports, write no final worth less than 50% of your mark and still have time to drink anyone under the table.

The fact of the matter is that we openly admit it has been difficult compiling this article. This is precisely what makes Engineers sexy.

We are proud to be Engineers, wear our rings, flaunt our calculators and secretly take pride in our geekiness. Our response to this has been in good faith, good humour, and with hopes to get everyone out for a night of sexy trivia.

As for the number of girls on Sexton campus, we have but one response: It's not quantity, it's quality.

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