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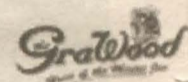
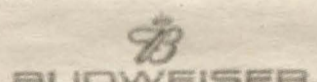
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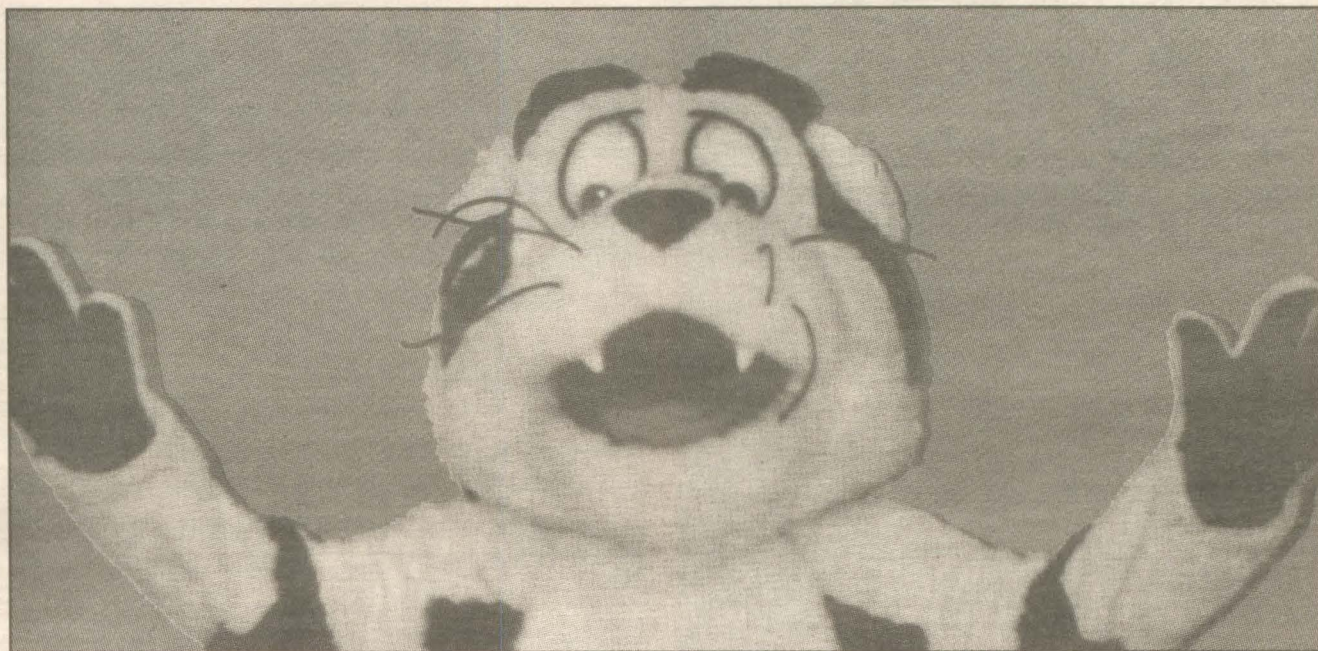


Sex.

I never thought I'd ever get tired of talking about it. Or that I would be at a loss for words when it came to writing about it. Sadly, after a week of discussing sexual issues ad nauseum while caught in the grip of the flu, I am completely spent. I momentarily even considered getting Sasha (our old sex columnist) to write a guest spot from her new digs in France. Alas, she was unavailable for comment. To make things worse, I feel a need to avoid articles about my personal experiences with sex and the graphic analysis of bizarre fetishes I uncovered this week - despite my strong views on censorship - because both my mother and my girlfriend (and possibly previous partners) read this column each week. Or at least they pretend to and smile politely...

This is possibly the largest issue that the Gazette has ever published and this week brought in the most contributors and volunteers we've ever seen. We tried to balance the tasteless toilet humour with informative articles about health and sexual safety. We also tried to include less prominent views about sex and sexuality that stray to the conservative side of the yard. All in all we hope that there is something in here for everyone to enjoy. No doubt there will be those who are offended by the idea of a 'sex issue' or the content within. I already have experience with this:

The Gazette staff got into serious trouble last year when they featured a series of compromising photos in their year-end spoof issue. A full-colour collage featured the university mascot - a tiger, for those who have never seen the elusive beast - engaging in 'excessive acts of sensual indulgence'. Various then-members of the staff donned the suit and took pictures of the feline in different locations. Some shots alluded to the mascot being under the influence of alcohol, while others



showed him cavorting with a scantily-clad female students.

My first crisis as newly elected editor was dealing with a barrage of complaints regarding the last issue of the previous year. Several Dalhousie employees and students were upset by what they considered a 'tasteless act and a failed attempt at humour'. However, the complaints quickly became more and more ridiculous and revealed the prudish nature of our community. Comments such as, "To suggest that the tiger could even have sex with a human is insane - it doesn't even have genitalia" and the various people who were upset that the tiger was consuming alcoholic beverages that were not official corporate sponsors of the

university, made the whole situation seem laughable.

Loosen up. Relax. Check out "Anthrocon 2004" on the internet. Some people think tiger mascots are sexy.

## Weekly Photo

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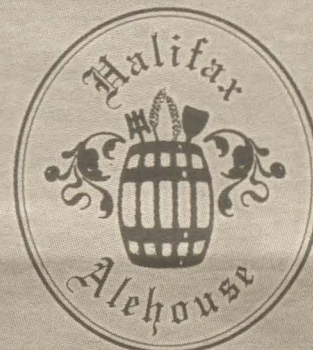
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**INTERNATIONAL****Woman accidentally outmaneuvers billions of dollars worth of increased post-911 airport security**

A woman passed through New York's LaGuardia airport security check this week and boarded a Spirit Airlines flight to Denver with no problems. This might not seem out of the ordinary, but it is.

The woman was apparently carrying a stun gun and knife with her through the security check—they were tucked away "accidentally" in her purse. During a short layover in Detroit, the woman realized she had the items, and promptly turned her dangerous self over to Denver authorities.

In response to the bizarre event, Spirit Airlines spokesperson Laura Bennett gave this statement: "It was an honest but odd mistake...It's true people often don't think about what's in their luggage."

Honest but odd mistake? What about the actual security check? X-ray machines? Metal detectors? The multi-billion dollar department of Homeland Security? According to Bennett, private citizens traveling on planes are now responsible for America's airline security, and should make sure that they don't "honestly" forget knives and stun guns in their purses. Yes, it is our incompetence if we leave weapons in our bags and then get past security.

Perhaps George W. Bush should upgrade America's terrorist threat indicator from clementine to fuchsia/crimson/blood red or whatever the damned colours are and come out in a snappy suit and say something both patriotic and stupid—you know, the kind of drunken, lower than the lowest common denominator imaginable half-smile as if everything is kinda-funny-but-not-enough-to-laugh speechifying only Dubya can get away with without being pried in the face. Call it good security. I'm thinking, "if you see a woman with a knife and stun gun crawling into your plane, gimme a call," a little jewel of Bush wisdom cranked out after 9-11 to make sure people knew who to call if they saw terrorists crawling into crop dusters.

Of course, trying to call the President won't ever get you anywhere, terrorists or not. Unless you're Peter Sellers.

Regardless, one should never underestimate the evildoing power of one honest—if forgetful—knife-concealing traveler, right? That's why America has giant security budgets, and planes, and jets, and bombs, and helicopters, and fingerprints, and home invasions, and random deportations, and violations of human rights, and questionable bills with sunset clauses, and internet junk mail, and DNA sampling and little itty bitty cameras on little itty bitty floating things that can see if your crotch is down or up from high above the earth's atmosphere, right?

**Mammoth skull found in the English countryside**

A 50,000-year-old mammoth skull was found in a "gravel pit" in southwest England when two historians scouted the pit for signs of bottle caps and collectible broken shards of glass and other things those crazy Brit historians like to do. Experts believe the mammoth was a female between 30 and 40 years old, weighing 4 to 5 tons. A plan to compare the remains to the only other known specimen in the UK featuring the same thickheaded, stubborn toothiness of the mammoth—diagrams of Margaret Thatcher's skull—is already underway.

**NATIONAL****What? There was national news this week? Worth hearing? Really?**

Well, there was a little: Progressive Conservative leadership hopeful Belinda Stronach decided to challenge critics claiming she has no political experience, stating:

"I am, you know, a little bit younger, maybe, but I am maybe more modern, maybe a little bit more middle of the road, but I do think this new party needs to create a bigger tent where Canadians can feel comfortable."

Methinks Stronach, maybe, needs a speechwriter and, maybe, an actual platform that deals with actual issues and people and things we normally lump into federal politics, maybe. This is just about the most hesitant, uncertain, doubtful, indirect and vague rebuttal I've heard from a Canadian politician since the famous 2002, "a proof is a proof. What kind of a proof? It's a proof. A proof is a proof. And when you have a good proof, it's because it's proven" speech ol' Jean Chretien threw out at us in his old gloriously inarticulate fashion.

And, analogy or not, claiming we need to build a tent that all of Canada can "feel comfortable" let alone fit into surely won't help dispel longstanding stereotypes of Canadians as being lumberjack fisherman types of the great igloo-laden north who eat whale blubber, club seals and are born with skates rather than feet. Good job, Stronach.

**LOCAL****Frozen Wang**

Chinese law professor Wang Gangyi broke his own record last week after spending 37 minutes swimming in water less than one degree in Bay Bulls, Newfoundland.

Wang holds Guinness world records in duration and distance swimming off the coast of Antarctica.

His reason for taking a dip in Newfoundland? He's commemorating the 1912 sinking of the Titanic. By jumping in the water himself. Of his own volition. In a Speedo. And a bathing cap. And goggles. And this makes sense.

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# STDs Still a Threat to Student Bodies

ELIZABETH HALLET and JOSH VISSER Contributors

Last week, *The Gazette* sent two writers on the honorable quest of discovering the "truth" about safe sex. While on their journey, Elizabeth Hallett and Josh Visser interviewed many Dalhousie students, cited Health Canada, spoke with Dalhousie Health Centre staff and even explored the fascinating online world of custom-made condoms. STD awareness, they found, is still a very murky issue amongst students.

"I've slept with 43 chicks, and I only used a condom with like three or four of them, and I haven't gotten anything," says Adam, a fourth-year arts student. This is a shocking statement considering the amount of resources the Canadian Public Education system has put into sex education in schools, not to mention that any fan of Degrassi Junior High knows the dangers of unprotected sexual activity thanks to Spike.

Adam is not, however, an isolated case: many other Dalhousie students have admitted to rarely using condoms during sex. Samantha, a first-year commerce student says she doesn't always have protected sex. "I'm not really sure how to bring it up, and if he doesn't pull out a condom, I don't say anything," she says. "I do get tested, though."

This idea that many students practice unsafe sex but still feel safe because they get tested once a year—a reactive rather than a preventative method of STD control—is a grim scenario to contemplate.

It is safe to say that Adam and Samantha represent a lucky minority when it comes to emerging from unprotected sexual adventures unscathed. Consider the case of Sarah, a fourth-year science student who found out she had chlamydia despite only having had two partners.

University students are a unique demographic of the Canadian population. While amongst the most privileged and highly educated ranks of Canadian society, youth pursuing post-secondary education continue to act ignorantly and fail to protect themselves when having sexual relations. According to Health Canada, students ranging from the ages of 19 to 24 in Canada are among the largest percentage of infected individuals in Canada as compared with all other age groupings.

Several surveys done by Health Canada paint a shocking portrait of STD incidence in university students across the country. For example, one in every 10 females between 19 and 24 years of age has contracted the genital form of chlamydia—a percentage that works out to over 1,300 women just here at Dalhousie. That's the equivalent of all the first-year students taking Psychology at Dalhousie.

Chlamydia is curable, but it can lead to permanent damage to the reproductive system, potentially decreasing one's ability to have children later in life.

And although it is one of the least harmful of all sexually transmitted infections, chlamydia is only one of many diseases that university health centers been trying to prevent over the years. The Dalhousie University Health Centre says it receives a large number of students each and every year who feel they may have contracted, or given, an STD to their partner or someone they have recently had intercourse with. Derrick Enslow, the Health Centre's Health Educator, says there is no better prevention against STDs than abstinence, reflecting sentiments expressed by high school and public school health educators all across North America. But when a student does choose to have sex, he says, one can never be too careful.

To combat the apparent lack of STD knowledge amongst university students, Enslow says the Health Centre teaches

all Dalhousie Residence Advisors general STD information so they can give brief and educational lectures on safe sex practices and condom usage direction to first-year students. Any students who remember disgusting pictures of diseases such as gonorrhea and syphilis shown in first year have seen the Health Centre's work first hand. The purpose of those graphic representations is to literally scare students into using protection.

Nothing, after all, beats a photo of wart-covered genitals when it comes to turning you off picking up at a bar on a Friday night.

Attendance at these meetings is voluntary, however, so few students often actually show up. Enslow says that information on STDs is available from the Health Centre upon request, and that that his department is working on creating monthly educational seminars for the greater Dalhousie community when specific sexuality issues are raised. A group of students in the School of Health and Human Performance are even currently working on a needs assessment and programming plan for sex education that would be student focused and based on a peer education model.

But as important as all of these programs are, students may still be too embarrassed to bring up the issue of sexual health with potential partners.

So how can students educate themselves without suffering the embarrassment of picking up pamphlets or asking their doctors?

One solution is the Internet: cyberspace carries a large number of websites that are dedicated to education on prevention of transmission and promotion of safe sex. Case in point: [www.sexualityandu.ca](http://www.sexualityandu.ca), a youth-oriented website that contains a wealth of information pertaining to prevention and promotion of sexual health. There are also several amusing virtual scenarios that can help guide you when making sexual

decisions while out with friends, at a party or even with a date.

As far as STD prevention is concerned, Enslow says that students not abstaining from sex should definitely use condoms for intercourse, whether it is vaginal or anal. For students who cite condom sizes, shapes and textures as excuses not to use protection, [www.condomania.com](http://www.condomania.com) offers a "condom wizard" that can help students find condoms just right for them and their loved (for tonight anyway) ones. Categories on the wizard include condom sensitivity, texture, flavour and shape.

And if the man in your life claims he is just "far too big" to fit into a jimmy, Condomania's personal sizing kits allow users to order tailor made condoms to fit exact measurements.

Other tips Enslow has for sexually active students: when participating in oral sex, he says, "the guy should definitely wear a condom, and for the vagina, women and men should invest in a dental dam." When it comes to digital stimulation—and this is not referring to cyber sex—Enslow recommends surgical gloves.

After all, Brad Pitt looked sexy in a pair of rubber gloves, didn't he?

Enslow says that while safety measures such as surgical gloves for masturbation may seem a bit drastic, they are necessary in today's sexual playing field.

Many Dalhousie students say being persistent in asking your partner to be tested is the best way to be sure of an STD-free relationship. One night (or 30 seconds) of raging passion is obviously not worth a lifetime of misery and discoloured genitals. And as Ezekiel, a second-year management student, so eloquently put it, "by this age, you have to be a fucking moron not to practice safe sex."

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# Understanding Ecstasy

PHILIP CASEY Science Reporter

Over the last 10 years or so, ecstasy—also known as MDMA—has become an increasingly popular recreational drug. While public interest and media attention regarding ecstasy has been abundant—mainly due to the drug's rapid emergence and increase in use among youth, typically at raves—scientific study and understanding of the drug's effects have lagged behind. Without a solid understanding of ecstasy's potential negative effects, media portrayal of the drug has been mostly speculative: the drug has even been likened to the "reefer madness" of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, when marijuana was stigmatized without scientific backing.

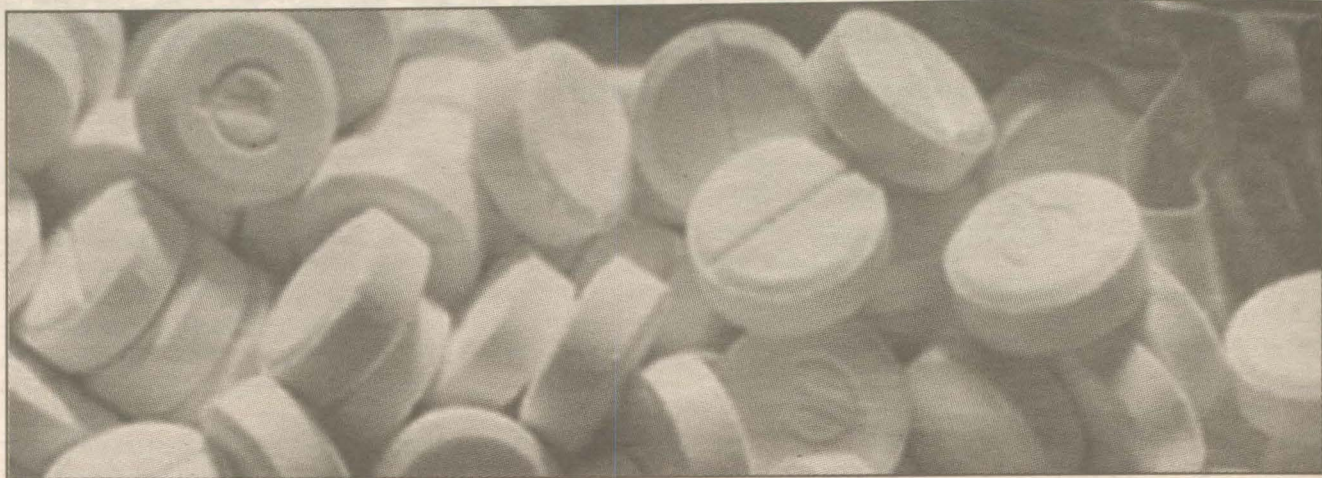
## HOW IT WORKS

Ecstasy increases levels of serotonin—the same neurotransmitter increased by anti-depressants such as Prozac—in the brain. Whereas anti-depressants seek to return serotonin levels to normal and reestablish emotional balance in depression, ecstasy works the brain machinery overtime to produce abnormally high serotonin levels and feelings of euphoria, confidence and enhanced sensory perception. Ecstasy also produces its effects, in part, by increasing levels of dopamine, the transmitter involved in the effects of cocaine.

## EFFECTS OF USAGE

In the short term, ecstasy users experience a crash, or "midweek blues" period after the positive effects wear off, often leading to lowered mood or depression as the overworked serotonin system recovers from being strained. In the long term, there is abundant evidence that moderate to heavy use of ecstasy can cause long-lasting damage to serotonin systems and result in decreased serotonin production. But whether this damage is permanent or can be somewhat reversed still remains unclear.

In addition, moderate to heavy ecstasy use has been linked to persistent depression (unsurprising, given long-lasting damage to serotonin systems) and deficits in memory and other cognitive functions. Anxiety, aggression and many



other behaviours are also regulated by serotonin and may be affected, but this is not yet clear. Research into such psychological effects are complicated by issues such as multiple drug use and causality (i.e. did ecstasy use lead to depression, or vice versa?).

## ECSTASY IN THE MEDIA

One of the highest profile studies on ecstasy's effects appeared in the prestigious journal *Science* in 2002. The authors reported that primates given recreational doses of ecstasy (that is, amounts similar to those taken by the typical human user over the course of a night) suffered severe dopaminergic neurotoxicity—death of dopamine neurons. They concluded from this that ecstasy users are at risk to develop Parkinson's disease later in life (Parkinson's results from the death of dopamine neurons).

Amazingly, the study was retracted a year later, the researchers having mixed up bottles and given most of the animals the wrong drug. This resulted in attention-grabbing headlines, such as "Your Brain on Bad Science" (*L.A. Weekly*) and "'Killer' Drug Claim was False" (BBC). While this specific report was shown to have no merit, it would be unwise to assume from

one botched study—and the media's reaction to it—that the drug is perfectly safe. After all, the most significant effect, damage to serotonin neurons, is well documented and may be permanent.

## BUT IS IT SAFE TO USE?

The best advice possible might be to think critically about reports in the popular media and, when possible, look beyond them to the science itself. The risks, as much as they are known, should be assessed carefully. According to Jennifer Stamp, a professor in the psychology department, "What strikes me is not that people are uninformed about the neurotoxic effects of ecstasy, rather that they choose to disregard it."

No one knows the complete story of ecstasy's long-term effects, simply because the drug hasn't been commonly used long enough. Scientists will only begin to answer these questions with certainty as recent and current ecstasy users age. Therefore, only one thing can be said for certain regarding ecstasy use and long-term consequences: those that use ecstasy now are doing no less than participating in the most important long-term ecstasy study of all.

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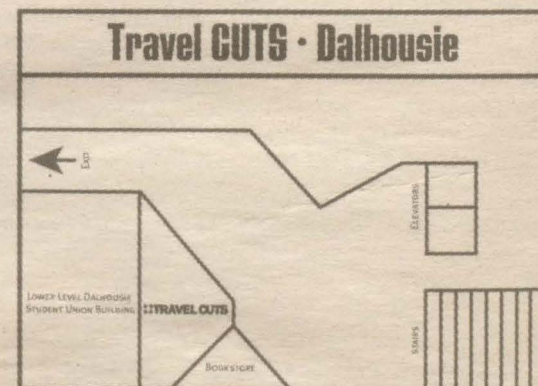
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# Dal Smoking Ban Not Being Enforced

## Examining Week 20 of Canada's first campus-wide ban

REID SOUTHWICK Staff Contributor

Aaron Clarke smokes a du Maurier king-size cigarette as he leans against a bike rack outside the front doors of the FASS building. Dozens of blackened butts are smeared and scattered below his feet. "I have always smoked on campus," he said, taking a drag of his cigarette.

As of September 2003, Dalhousie has strictly prohibited smoking on all university-owned property and grounds, in student residences and in all university vehicles. But Clarke doesn't think this ban is a reality. "I have yet to have anyone really enforce the ban," said Clarke. "Once, I saw a person say, 'would you mind stepping three steps this way onto municipal property?' And that's all it is, about three steps."

But William Louch, director of Dalhousie's Environmental Health and Safety committee, says he thinks students are adhering to smoking rules. Louch's committee was responsible for performing a survey last January that asked students, faculty and staff if a property-wide smoking ban would be desirable. 82 per cent of 1,036 respondents were in favour of the ban. Louch also sat on the implementation committee, which identified various application issues, such as enforcement of the smoking ban.

Louch says Dal's safety office, on behalf of the Environmental

Health and Safety Committee, performed a survey last November that found 80 per cent of smokers were complying with the ban, proving students took it seriously. He also says the implementation committee has petitioned Dal security to ask remaining violators to smoke off campus as they go about their duties. Dal security was unavailable for comment.

But DSU President Kevin Wasko disagrees, saying the committee "rushed" into implementing the ban. "Enforcement has been pretty slack," he said. "It is especially a concern with students in residence. There have been people from Howe hall who had to go out into the street [to smoke], and that caused some noise problems there."

"The ban will turn into a farce if people feel that they can smoke and never receive a penalty for violating it," he said.

Aaron Clarke, meanwhile, says he thinks the nook outside the FASS should be a designated smoking area. "I'm not blocking the flow of traffic in between classes," he said, "and when I'm smoking, the smoke is not going directly into everybody's face."

But making the FASS entrance a designated smoking area would conflict with the Halifax Regional Municipality's 1999

decision to outlaw smoking within five meters of building entrances—a decision that applies to all buildings in the city, not just those on university campuses.

The University of King's College allows students to smoke on campus but adheres to HRM's law. King's president William Baker says the city's law is difficult to enforce, even though the university allows on-campus smoking. "We're starting to have to shoo people away, and the smokers will go elsewhere temporarily and then they'll come back again," he said.

Benjamin Woodford, a Dal political science student, says Dalhousie should be doing a better job in enforcing the ban. "We need some kind of system in place to let people know that the school is not going to tolerate disrespect for the rules," he said. "It's a little hypocritical to boast about being a smoke-free university but at the same time have people smoking all over campus."

But some students say smokers, not the school, should be responsible for keeping smoking off campus. "Smokers should follow the rules that the school has put in place," said Emily MacGowan, a first-year Bachelor of Science student. "And those that aren't are being disrespectful."

# Dalhousie Supports Day of Action

LINDSAY HEPBURN Staff Contributor

This Day of Action, being held February 4, is meant to raise community awareness about tuition fees in Nova Scotia, which have increased by \$2,513 in the last 10 years. But in contrast to previous years, this year's Day of Action will be characterized by a quiet march from the SUB to the legislature downtown supporting tuition reduction, not tuition freezes.

Students unaware of the day's importance or the politics behind Dalhousie's decision to support the march this year may have nevertheless seen Day of Action posters put up around campus. The Day is promoted by the Canadian Federation of Students, a federal tuition lobby group of which the Dalhousie Student Union is not a member.

Dal instead lends its financial and moral support to the Canadian Alliance of Students Association (CASA), a lobby group similar to CFS. Dal's allegiance to CASA, often seen as a competitor to CFS, has not stopped the DSU from supporting the Day of Action in the past.

Traditionally, the Day of Action is focused on lobbying for tuition freezes, but this year's mandate concerns tuition reduction rather than freezing. The CFS says a freeze at the current level of tuition would not accomplish anything, because it is too high.

Each year, the DSU council hold a vote deciding whether the union will support the Day of Action. But the DSU doesn't

support tuition freezes, said DSU president Kevin Wasko.

Two years ago, the DSU supported the march, and a group of students occupied the Royal Bank, hassled the staff about student loans and held up business. In turn, Dalhousie revoked its support for the march last year because it felt the sit in delivered the wrong message.

"The DSU does not support a tuition freeze or reduction because it puts the university in a difficult situation when setting the budget. Their costs will increase due to inflation and other factors," Wasko said. "If they were unable to increase tuition, this would result in a poorer quality of education."

"Tuition fees are inevitable, but not at such an alarming rate," he said.

The pragmatic approach of CASA, the Dal supported association, means it is somewhat less confrontational than CFS, which often stages demonstrations and marches. CASA promotes diplomatic lobbying, meetings with councilors and quieter protests. If there is a rally promoting a tuition freeze, the DSU will not support it.

Only one DSU councilor opposed supporting the

Day of Action at this year's vote. The councilor cited the same reasons given last year when it came to not supporting the Day: if the march gets out of hand, it could send the wrong message.

According to CFS, 70 per cent of Nova Scotian students who did not pursue post-secondary education did so because of financial constraints.

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# The Key to Great Sex

PATRICK CRAINE AND JOSIP VACI Staff Contributors

Sex seems to be a pretty hot topic around campus. I guess it always has been. Obviously it's important enough to us that we'll publish an entire *Gazette* issue about it. With the buzz around campus, it's easy to think that everyone is out there getting it on. But contrary to the "buzz," sex before marriage isn't for me, and I'm convinced that it isn't for you either.

The key to better sex is patience. I agree that on the surface waiting for sex can seem like a burden, but it's actually a true source of freedom and happiness, and will lead to a much richer and more beautiful sexual relationship with a man or woman in marriage. Let me explain why.

When having sex, a couple gives themselves totally (physically and spiritually, if you believe in such things) to one another. Since sex is such an ultimate gift of self, the person with whom one shares it is significant. However, "sexual intimacy shared with someone to whom you're not married only gives a superficial intimacy, a lie spoken in the language of the body. The premarital sexual embrace tells the other, 'I give myself entirely to you...until I do the same thing with someone else.'" (Pure Love, <http://www.rojeda.dds.nl/purelove.htm>)

How horrible it must be to realize that one has been used for sex, and is not genuinely loved by the one they just gave themselves to in such a powerful way. I think we can all agree that no real man would want to hurt a woman. I have used the word hurt in the sense of deep pain, regret, and lack of love, which leads to emptiness. Truly, what kind of man would desire despair for the woman he loves?

So, how does waiting until marriage for sex relate to hurting a woman? Well, besides the initial pain that premarital sex causes a woman, it also endangers her physical health (and yours). We've all heard the stats about STDs, pregnancies, and the failure rate of contraceptives.

These stats by themselves are enough for some of us to want to stay away from the whole sex game, but obviously haven't convinced the majority of the population.

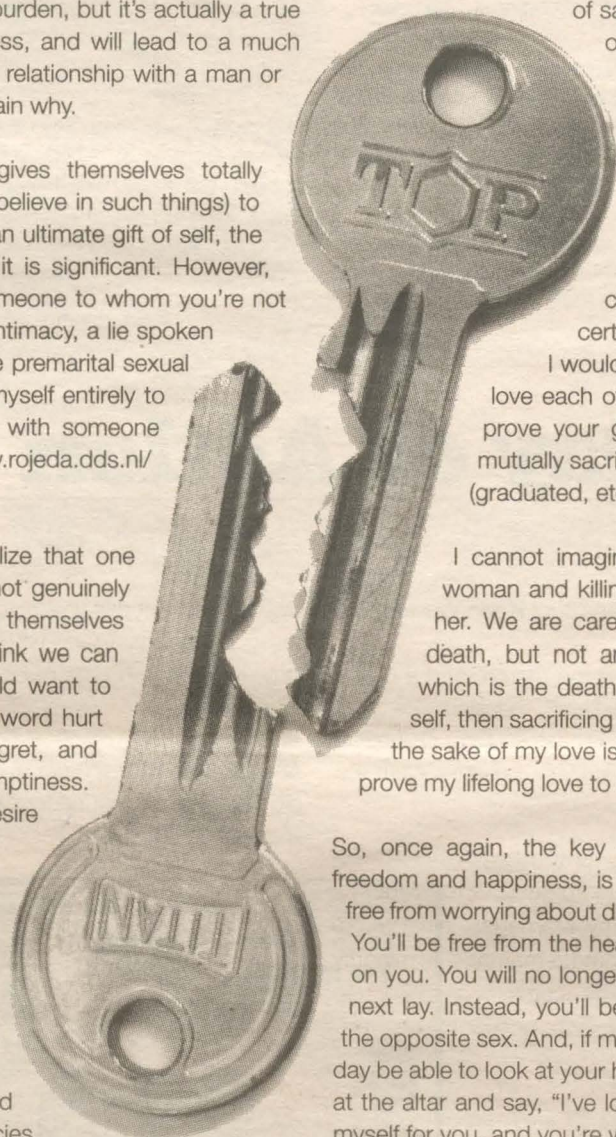
I guess the fact that one in four sexually active adults has herpes (incurable and easily transmitted) isn't good enough. Or that chlamydia, one of the most common STDs, has a good chance of rendering a woman permanently infertile. Obviously it's not a big enough deal that condoms only protect against HIV 69 per cent of the time. And what if she gets pregnant? Then she must decide whether to kill her unborn child or bear it before she's ready. It's pretty clear that the whole idea of safe sex is just a myth, and that the only way to truly be safe is to wait for sex until you are within the trusting bond of marriage.

But what if the couple really loves each other, but can't get married yet? Well, we have all witnessed or heard of a couple claiming to love each other. I would certainly be happy for this couple, but I would also ask the question: If you truly love each other, then what is a better way to prove your genuine love for each other than mutually sacrificing sex until you are in a position (graduated, etc.) to get married?

I cannot imagine how I could justify lying to a woman and killing the hope for true love inside of her. We are careful and sensitive around physical death, but not around the equally significant one which is the death internally. Truly, if love is a gift of self, then sacrificing my want for instant gratification for the sake of my love is a great, if not the greatest way to prove my lifelong love to her.

So, once again, the key to better sex, to finding lifelong freedom and happiness, is patience. Think about it: you'll be free from worrying about disease and unwanted pregnancies. You'll be free from the heartbreak of having someone cheat on you. You will no longer have to worry about finding your next lay. Instead, you'll be able to truly and unselfishly love the opposite sex. And, if marriage is your destiny, you will one day be able to look at your husband or wife to be as you stand at the altar and say, "I've loved you my whole life. I've saved myself for you, and you're worth it."

All stats taken from *Pure Love* by Jason Evert



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## What number of previous sexual partners is too high in a new mate?



Ten. Otherwise, see ya later. **Giselle Edwards, first-year science**



Twenty. At that point, I worry about what she could have. **Aaron Clarke, second-year biology**



One. I don't think that's what god has planned for us. **Matt Tucker, fourth-year biology**



I'd rather not know. **Pat Duggan, fourth-year kinesiology**



More than Wilt Chamberlain (10,000). **Matt Duggan, third-year biology**



It depends what he looks like. **Denise Perry, first-year science**



Probably six. A girl who has been with more guys is more likely to cheat on you. **Geoff Daniels, third-year kinesiology**



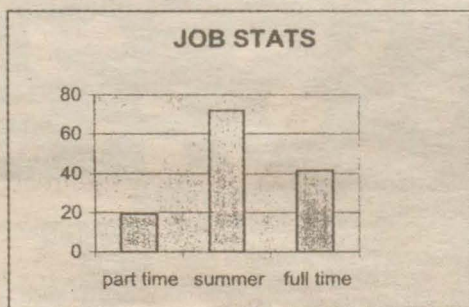
One, that way they have nothing to compare me to. **Chris LaRoche, fifth-year aesthetics**



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# 4 Ways to Kill a Long Distance Relationship

TAMAYA SCOTT Staff Contributors

Closeness breeds fondness. According to psychological findings and the high prevalence of work-place romances, we apparently love those that are familiar to us—the regular customer at our part-time jobs, the boy next-door, and the savvy tutor. But what happens when proximate lovers become not so proximate? Can you still keep the sparks from afar, or does your duo become a flash in the pan? Here are five sure fire relationship killers to avoid for all of us inn long-distance relationships that have made it past the “turkey-dump” season and would like to skip a spring break up.

## 1. Admit your life is dull

Admitting that you're bored and lost without your other half is not endearing, it's pathetic. You need not continuously ask, “Do you miss me?” or “I wish you were here.” You have things to do, you have a life, and chances are you were interesting before meeting “partner-perfect.” As soon as you plead that you need partner-perfect to keep your life going, he or she will be going, going, gone.

## 2. Admit your life is fabulous

Living the single life while partner-perfect is studying in another province is fun and fabulous, no doubt. It's like an endless bachelor party. You can flaunt and flirt and who's going to catch you? But this behaviour is exactly what partner-perfect is pretending that you're not doing. Pretend along with them: speaker dancing until 3 a.m. becomes a solo viewing of a midnight movie at the Oxford, and a marathon study session with your cute classmate translates into a quick coffee break with that nerd you work with.

## 3. Brag about new friends

Or worse, brag about new friends you could potentially hook up with. We all fear the unknown, and no matter how secure you are, when there are provinces separating the two of you, even the most confident can become paranoid. So calling partner-perfect to rave about the kick-ass time you had with the most amazing person you've ever met who is also in all your classes and has an important well-paying job, and who you can't wait to do it all again with tomorrow is probably a bad idea. Jealousy is never a good ploy to try to get your far-away love to come check up on you.

## 4. Send flowers

Send postcards, send sweet e-mails, send compilation CDs, but don't send flowers. Flowers say guilt. They say, “I love you so much that I know you'll forgive me for taking home this stripper who gave me a free lap dance,” or “I love you so much more than my ex who just happened to share a pillow with me last night.” Flowers are last minute afterthoughts that die.

Long-distance relationships are difficult because the context that brought you together and kept you together is absent. The reassurance of physically seeing your boyfriend or girlfriend is no longer there. While absence may make the heart grow fonder, many long-distance partners fear that out of sight really does mean out of mind. The only hope to defy the distance is to stay familiar with each other.

# Streeter

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## Which song title best describes your sex life?



“Fuck Me,” KMFDM. **Corinna Freake, second-year environmental sciences**



“Abandon Love,” Bob Dylan. **Bobby Harding, master's history**



“I Smell Pussy,” 50 Cent  
**Andrew Gavin, first-year arts**



“The Bad Touch,” Blood Hound Gang  
**Matt Ngo, second-year physics/math**



“Dancing with Myself,” Billy Idol **Andrew Maconald, third-year English**



“I Think We're Alone Now,” Tiffany. (“And by that I mean me and my left hand”) **Mike Day, third-year arts**



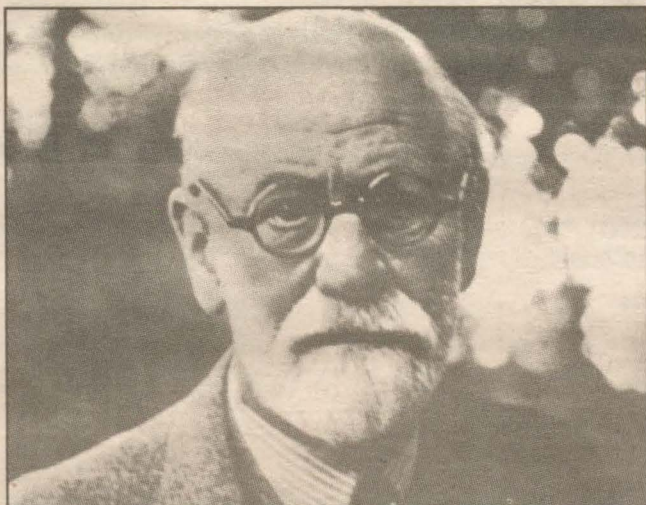
“Father Fucker,” Peaches. **Natalie Chavarie, third-year IDS**



“The Itsy Bitsy Spider”, Sharon, Louis & Bram **Chris LaRoche, grade 11 student we found on campus looking for college girls**

# Armchair Freudians

JENN MORRISONI Assistant News Editor



We are all armchair Freudians: Freudian slips, the Oedipus complex, the unconscious, etc. are all terms bandied about with a vengeance. But perhaps the most telling example of Freud's penetration into contemporary cultural consciousness is the prevalence of sexual reductionism (a.k.a. the dominance of the id): we can boil down all complex information into pure and simple statements on sex.

According to Freud, people develop “issues” when they push their deep and dark desires into the recesses of their unconscious, instead of lifting them to the light. I wish we could bring Freud back to the future so he could shine his own light on sexuality 2004. I doubt he would see repression.

Zygmunt Bauman, author of a new book called *Liquid Love*, states that “the most common types of emotional trouble, anxiety and discontent stem not from too much repression, but from a surge in personal addictions—from drugs and gambling to episodic sex and love affairs.” I picture a bulimic societal sexuality that gorges on porn, strippers, lingerie, innuendo and the act of sex itself, and then throws it back up for the world to see.

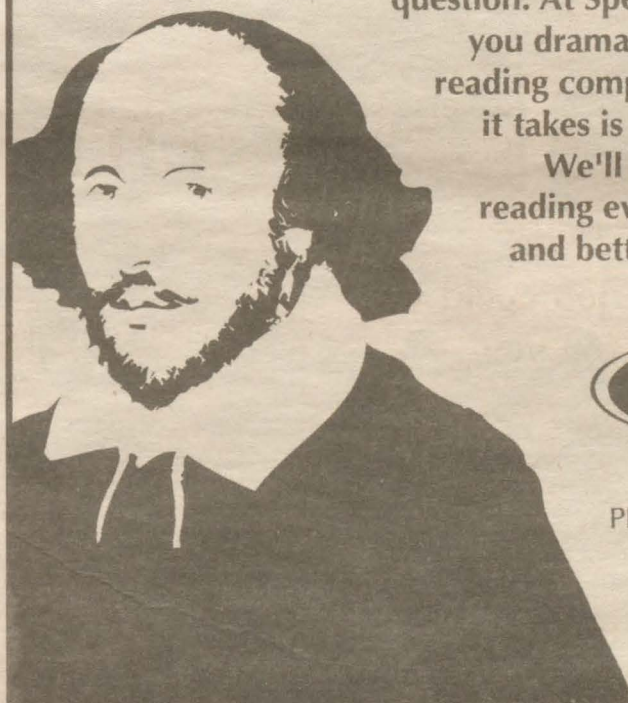
But the Bush Administration is trying to redirect the flow of this current. The family-values-fundamentalist President has recently been pushing his “Healthy Marriages Initiative,” a \$1.5 billion dictator-ized plan to promote marriage, in minority communities especially. The program consists of billboards, marriage education, mentoring and counseling.

Freud is likely rolling in his grave, chiding Bush from the world beyond for trying to harness sexually energetic young people and repress them into a picture-perfect nuclear family. This, for Freud, is where it all begins—as historian Norman Cantor states of Freud's theory, the family unit is the “primary site of numerous dramas and conflicts which influenced the shape of the mental structure.” Furthermore, for Freud, sexuality begins in childhood. Suffice it to say, even if Bush succeeds in marrying off all naïve and vulnerable Americans, they will still be raising children—children who may then grow up to perpetuate the fake family lineage.

Sex is experimentation and, sometimes, artificiality, but it is still as natural as breathing. The Healthy Marriages Initiative, on the other hand, is socially engineered repression.

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# The Sexual Divide

QUENTIN CASEY *Opinions Editor*

I have always shied away from directly applying something I've learned at school to my writing at this paper. To me, it always felt like cheating by trying to kill two birds—schoolwork and extracurricular work—with one stone. But recent news stories have made me apply my scholarly knowledge to reality.

I spent a good deal of time this past term studying the notion of the separate spheres. The separate spheres ideology rests on the idea that men should inhabit the public sphere of society (business, government etc.), while women should only inhabit the private sphere (the household, the domestic front etc.). During Victorian times and through much of the last century this notion was front and centre. But this made me wonder: to what extent does the separate spheres ideology still exist today? And, in the past 150 years, has the division of labour between men and women really fundamentally changed?

This connection between past and present was sparked with the recent announcement that Belinda Stronach will compete for the leadership of the newly merged Conservative Party of Canada. Stronach, the young and attractive former CEO, has entered the race against Stephen Harper with a formidable weapon—daddy's inheritance money. But the road ahead will be difficult for Stronach as she enters further into one of the last boy's clubs in our society—federal politics.

Despite major progression by women in all other facets of public life, national politics are still very much a realm dominated by old, white men. In many ways, the parliament buildings are like a "boys only" tree house. And similarly, our federal political system confirms the idea of separate spheres for men and women.

Of course, there are many prominent women within the federal government. However, only 21 per cent of the MPs in Ottawa are women. Furthermore, the opportunity for mobility to the

highest governmental post—prime minister—is very slim. Kim Campbell may have held the office briefly, but her party, not the general public, voted her in.

Sheila Copps may have run against Paul Martin for the Liberal leadership and the position of PM in recent months, but she was never remotely in the race. (Though in terms of Sheila Copps, her not getting elected had nothing to do with the fact that she was a woman—it had only to do with her natural ability to fritter away public money.) And let's not forget that it was only in 1989 that Audrey McLaughlin became the first female leader of a federal party with the NDP.

Stronach, who has gained more headlines because of her good looks than her suggestions for policy reform, is approaching similar territory. She may grab the party leadership position, but her chances of overthrowing the political force known as Paul Martin are measured with negative numbers.

But why is this? Firstly, Paul Martin has been preparing for this election for the better part of a decade and therefore provides a formidable foe. Secondly, in the case of Stronach, her not getting elected will have as much to do with her strong competition as it will with her being of the opposite gender of those who dominate the scene.



Don Martin, has gone as far to say that, "she reminds me of a primitive tribesperson who has been recently converted to Christianity. She sings all the hymns, but doesn't know the meaning of the words." Ouch. But is this criticism justified because of her political inexperience, or is it unfairly based on Stronach's gender?

A recent story from Ottawa would suggest the latter. Last week, flyers were distributed around parliament hill advertising Stronach as "Parliament Hill Barbie." Apparently, a doll of her likeness is sold with "a Rolex, Daddy's Chequebook and Policy (Sold Separately) and featured campaign slogans such as "Can I, like, fire voters?" Such harsh and unnecessary attacks leave little doubt that the very idea of Stronach in power makes some very uncomfortable. Smart, powerful, wealthy and a woman—this is far more than many backward Canadians will be able to tolerate.

In short, Belinda Stronach's reception within the federal political realm indicates that although women have broken down many, or most, walls, some of the biggest and most important still lay ahead.

Not surprisingly, and according to the political game, Stronach has come under attack in recent weeks. Other camps have been quick to point out her flaws as she comes to represent a valid threat to the political lives of other conservatives. Critics note that she dropped out of university, she inherited a major corporation from her father and she has little to no grasp on the issues.

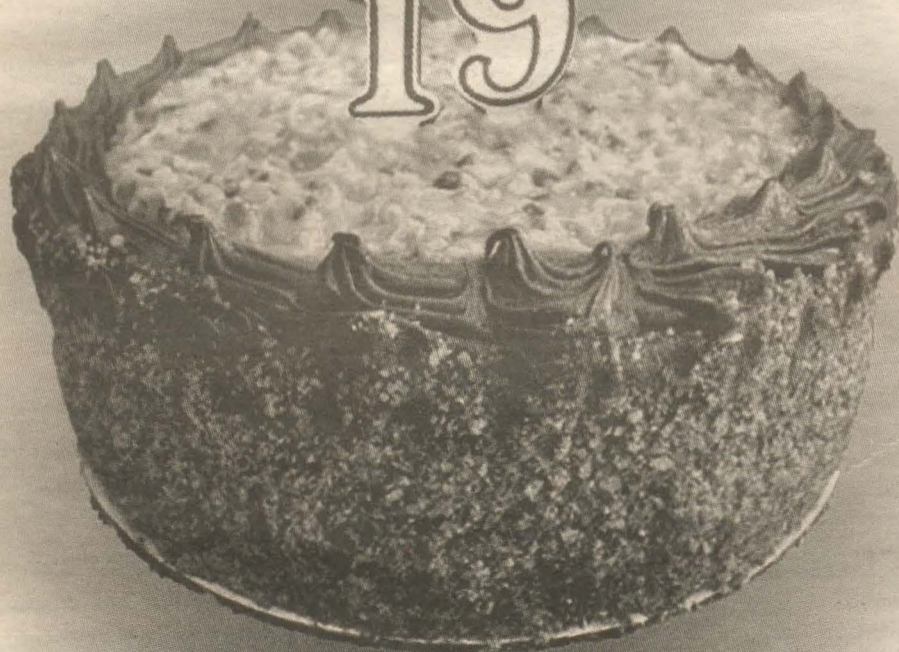
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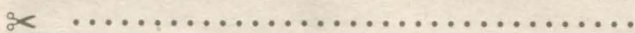
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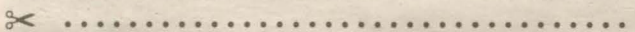
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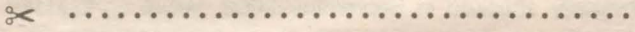
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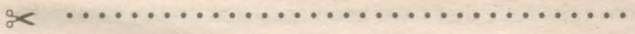
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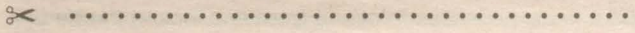
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When the girl is on the top, reversed. **Mike Clarke, first-year science**



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## Velvet's Empire

DAVE MORINÉ *Sexpert*

Last month, I had the pleasure of speaking with Velvet Steel. Velvet is warm and welcoming, and with a background like hers, there was plenty to discuss.

I was first exposed to Velvet several years ago through Showcase's documentary series *Kink*. Produced by Paperny Films, *Kink* is a 13-part series that looks at some of the racier aspects of human sexuality. With a uniquely Canadian focus, *Kink* has explored fetish communities in Vancouver and Toronto, with a third season in Montreal slated for release. Velvet was a regular subject during the first season, when the Vancouver scene was explored.

But who is Velvet Steel? Velvet's titles are numerous. Velvet is a post-operative, male-to-female (MTF) transsexual. She is married and currently lives in Vancouver. Apart from her home life, Velvet is an accomplished and successful woman. She is a professional hairstylist and co-owner of the Gastown Hair Shoppe in Vancouver. Active in the fetish community, Velvet works as a professional dominatrix and organizer for BDSM events. Finally, Velvet acts as an advocate and educator in both the fetish and non-fetish communities.

As mentioned, Velvet appeared in the series *Kink*. Acting as a vessel of understanding between her community and the Canadian public, Velvet allowed cameras to follow her at work, at home and at fetish events around town. Not only were many Canadians exposed to a transsexual individual for the first time, they also were exposed to the fetish community as a whole. Her experiences on television allowed interested individuals to

find their way to the fetish community, and reassured them that they were not alone.

Velvet earned the right to be on *Kink* because of her tremendous popularity in the Vancouver scene. Velvet organizes one of Vancouver's largest fetish balls, the Body Perve Social Club. As Velvet describes it, "it is a venue where people can come in, have a drink. Play is encouraged, and a strict dress code is enforced." The dress code prescribes everything from latex nurse's uniforms, to leather chaps, to slaves in collars with their leather clad masters. Although it is an area for fetish play, specific legislation defines what play means. According to Velvet "we can't have exposed genitals, no penetration of any kind." Velvet also tells me that they have a special area for body piercing related fetishes.

Velvet is also an entrepreneur. She co-operates a salon with Rosamond Scott-Crawford, another Vancouver area MTF transsexual. One of the things that Velvet made very clear was that she has never depended on social programs. She has relied on her own resources. Velvet says that "transsexuals use their transsexuality as a clutch for social programs. They say how difficult their life is, but it doesn't have to be that way. My salon affords me security, but I have to work for it just like everybody else. I have to get up in the morning, get ready, exercise, go to work, just like any average person." Velvet's endeavors as a professional dominatrix bring her a wide range of clients. Velvet says that as a dominatrix she has learned a great deal from men about male sexuality and social gender roles. Domination and submission enter a unique

area of the human experience, an arena of physiological and psychological realities that unlock some of the most carnal forms of human expression. We argue that our society is male dominated, and women are inferior. Velvet's experiences allow her to see things

in completely the opposite manner.

Finally, Velvet is an educator and advocate. After being physically attacked in September 2002, Velvet co-founded West Enders Against Violence Everywhere (WEAVE). The group started after several victims of violence sought positive results from their own experiences. Not only were people fed up with the violence, but they also felt that they were not being taken seriously by local police forces, and that their complaints were being ignored.

The group has administered surveys and collected reports from individuals that have been assaulted and/or battered in the local area. The mission of WEAVE is to present this issue to the local community, and draw attention from police forces and city politicians. This mobilization of people has caused the situation to improve and be taken more seriously by city authorities. In addition to WEAVE, Velvet is also a speaker at university campuses. She speaks to human sexuality classes about her experiences to offer a first-hand look at the life of a MTF transsexual.

Velvet also took the time to share some issues that are facing the transsexual community. A growing problem has been the treatment of transsexuals trying to cross the border. According to Velvet, customs authorities have been informed to look for terrorists that may disguise themselves as transsexuals. This has made it even more difficult to travel internationally as a transsexual individual. However, Velvet notes that the scene in Canada is comparable to that in Europe. Together, they are ahead of the United States in terms of social progress towards accepting transgender lifestyles.

Velvet leads her life the way she wants to. She is unapologetic about her character. If people don't have anything kind to say, she does not want them to be a part of her experience. Velvet is a beacon for both the transsexual and BDSM community. Here's to you, Mistress Steel!

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# A Guy's Look at Sex and the City

LI DONG Staff Contributor



I was recently describing a gorgeous girl I knew to my colleague, Jenn Morrison. In my haste I accidentally blurted out that my crush was, "more beautiful than Sarah Jessica Parker (The girl who plays Carrie on Sex and the City)."

This comment was met with a swift slap across the face, a body-shot from a fist full of rings and a kneecap going up towards where the sun don't shine. Jenn then proceeded to lift me three feet off the ground (holding me by my neck of course) and throw me with hulk-like force towards a bookshelf. After I regained my senses, I remember a vision of Jenn walking towards me holding a shiny aluminum bat...my memory gets a little blurry after that.

Anyway, this article is not about broken ribs or internal bleeding, it's about the cultural phenomenon that is (apparently) a powerful influence on young women everywhere. I decided to sit down with a season of Sex and the City and see what all the fuss was about and how the power of the program caused my coworker to go ape-fierce on me.

For those of you who have been living in a hole, Sex and the City is an HBO-bred show about four women with extreme personalities trying to find some gosh-darn love in this wacky world. These characters represent the four unconscious voices inside of every girl's head so perfectly that they have earned the show many Emmys and Golden Globes throughout the history of the series. Every girl who watches the show undoubtedly relates to one of these women and, believe it or

not, this actually speaks volumes about that viewer's personality. After hours of research, I've finally been able to break down what it means if your girlfriend's favorite character is...

**Carrie:**  
She's like a modern-day Elizabeth Bennet: stylish, witty, beautiful and joyously living in "the moment." Unfortunately, she also happens to be a merciless serial-cheater. Apparently living in the moment doesn't leave much room for consequences. Most girls admire Carrie for her positive traits. These are the same girls who would cheat on you in a New York minute.

**Samantha:**  
Damn. Sexual confidence steams from this girl like a vapor. Throughout the show, Samantha humps and dumps men like whoa! Girls who admire this character probably do so because of her decisiveness and self-assuredness. Although they probably also relate to Samantha's lack of commitment potential and intimacy skills. But who needs those things when you've got a wicked-looking mole?

**Miranda:**  
I'll admit it, there's a soft spot in my heart for Miranda. She's the kind of girl whose father never went to watch her play soccer as a kid, thus leaving an emotional scar that she tries to mask as an adult with raging cynicism. Girls who admire Miranda are probably too stubborn to admit it. They're also quick to decide that you are not Mr. Right, and that you very possibly ate him some time ago. Remember, getting the middle finger from this type of gal just means she wants you more, tiger.

**Charlotte:**  
She is hands down the hottest of the four. She's also by far the hardest one to get into bed (thus exponentially increasing her hotness). Her prudish and optimistic attitude is cute in the same way that a two-year-old saying he's going to be an astronaut is cute (up to a point, then it just gets friggin' annoying). Admirers of Charlotte believe with their gushing hearts that true love is out there and that their Prince Charming/William is just waiting to sweep them off their feet. Unless you can fill this role perfectly, these snobby girls might as well be untouchable like Elliot Ness with a black dot on his head.



## Report Card

### Stella Farewell Party



**Date:** January 24th, 2004  
**Venue:** The Seahorse  
**Reporter:** Repo Kempt  
**Stage Presence:** Chaotic  
**Effort:** Superhuman  
**Audience Reaction:** Riotous

Last Saturday night at the Seahorse Tavern kicked ass. In the wake of losing the Khyber Club and the Marquee Club for an indefinite period of time, many people have sounded the death knell for the Halifax music scene. They couldn't be more wrong. The throngs of drunken fans at the show thrashed in a mad orgy of beer-spraying culminating in a bar-wide birthday cake fight. Serving as both a 'going away' party for Stella the bartender and a birthday bash for the Hemingways, the special occasion saw the booze flowing like, well, booze.

The Seahorse will continue to host bands every week and every Wednesday in February will feature live bands for free at Reflections. The Halifax music scene is dead? Long live the Halifax music scene!

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## The SUB

Located at 6136 University Avenue, the Dalhousie Student Union Building is one of the few student-run buildings of its kind in North America. Be proud of it, visit it often. There are some great services to be found inside. While your there, stop by the second floor and visit your DSU executive!

### Building Hours

Mon. - Wed.: 7:30am - 11:00pm  
 Thu. - Fri.: 7:30am - 12:00am  
 Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00am  
 Sunday: 11:30am - 9:00pm

### Sexton Campus Offices

The DSU has office space on Sexton Campus to better serve students who live and take classes on that campus. For more information on ways to get involved with the DSU on Sexton Campus contact Ben Theuerkauf, the DSU Sexton Campus Director at [dsuscdir@dal.ca](mailto:dsuscdir@dal.ca).

### Online Course Evaluations

The DSU provides Online Course Evaluations as a means for aiding students in selecting their classes. The evaluations occur at the end of the fall and winter academic semesters and the results are published shortly thereafter. To aid you in selecting your classes, see what other students have had to say about them first! For further information visit [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca) (and follow the links) or contact Curtis McGrath, Vice-President Education- [dsuvped@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvped@dal.ca) or 494-1275.

### Grants

The DSU operates a grants program in support of student activities at Dalhousie. Each individual is eligible for up to \$100 per term (\$1000 for societies). The funds are available for everything from attending a conference in your field of study to organizing a community event. We can also provide a list of other funding sources available in and around the Dalhousie community. To apply, complete an application form (available at [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca) or in the DSU Offices) and return it completed to the DSU Offices along with an explanation of the grant, a detailed budget, and evidence of other fundraising. For further information contact Glenn Woods, Vice-President Finance at [dsuvpf@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvpf@dal.ca) or 494-1278.

### Employment Opportunities

The Dalhousie Student Union employs over one hundred part time student employees each year. Whether it's SUB staff for special events, a night manager position, technical services, the Grawood, the T-Room, Campus Copy or the SUB Information Desk, there's bound to be a job for you working at the SUB. The DSU is a proud employer of students, offering competitive pay and a fun and innovative work environment. These jobs are primarily recruited during the end of February and month of March. Check the DSU website frequently for more information on employment opportunities.

### Retail Services

#### Grawood

The Grawood, owned and operated by the Dalhousie Student Union, is an inviting student gathering spot located on the ground floor of the Student Union Building. It is a licensed beverage room as well as a great place to eat.

Be sure to take advantage of our many food and drink specials. Our Starving Student Happy Hour runs Wednesday to Friday from 4:30PM - 7:00PM. Wednesday's feature is Wing Nut Night from 5:00PM - 9:00PM. Wings are just \$0.35 each with a beverage purchase. And don't forget Beat the Clock Draft on Thursday with live entertainment. Friday nights at the Grawood is Vibe night, hosted by the residences. This evening offers students under the age of 19 access to the Grawood with a valid Dry Card. Check out the DSU website for more information at [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca).

#### The T-Room

The T-Room is the Sexton Campus bar and is located in the Sexton Gymnasium building. It is run and operated by the Dalhousie Student Union. The T-Room is the entertainment center of the campus and is known for its great bands, cheap specials, movie nights, and relaxed atmosphere.

Thursday hours: 4:00pm - 1:00am  
 Friday hours: 1:00pm - 1:00am

#### Campus Copy

Located in the lower level of the SUB, Campus Copy provides a valuable resource to the university and its students by delivering a professional copy center with up-to-date technology. Our student staff members provide great customer service, affordable prices and high quality services in a convenient location.

#### Hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00pm  
 Friday: 8:30am - 6:00pm  
 Saturday: 12:00noon - 6:00pm

### Dining Services

#### Extended Food Service Hours

Food service will be extended starting February 2nd.

The new hours are:

Peel: 11:00am - 7:00pm (Monday - Friday)  
 Pizza Pizza: 11:00am - 4:00pm (Monday - Friday)  
 The new coffee shop that serves Starbucks: 8:00am - 9:00pm (Monday - Friday)  
 Convenience Store: 10:00am - 7:00pm (Monday-Thursday)  
 10:00am - 4:00pm (Friday)  
 Tim Horton's: 7:30am-9:30pm (Monday - Friday)  
 11:00am - 6:00pm (Saturday)  
 12:00am - 7:00pm (Sunday)

These changes will open up the food service area until 9:00pm, increasing study space for students in the SUB. There will also be a rack of grab and go food available with the Starbucks coffee until close.



Kevin Wasko  
President



Angela Bowie  
Executive Vice-President



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Vice-President Finance

### Student Services

#### Health Plan Office

Located in the lower level of the Student Union Building, the office is the source for all of your health plan needs (Information, forms, etc.). Contact it at 494-2850 or stop by the basement of the SUB to find answers to your health plan inquiries. You can also email Sarah Robertson, DSU Health Plan Office Manager at [cp101@kilcom1.ucis.dal.ca](mailto:cp101@kilcom1.ucis.dal.ca) with specific questions.

#### Tiger Patrol

Tiger Patrol is a joint venture of the DSU and the University. Available on all three campuses, Tiger Patrol is a security service that makes sure you get home safely. There's also a scheduled shuttle bus service that operates between the campuses and designated locations in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Both services are available during the academic year, seven days a week, from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

For details on Tiger Patrol or other security programs such as Operation Identification, Operation CycleCheck and Basic Self-Defence for Women courses, call Security Services at 494-6400.

#### Student Advocacy Service

Funded by the DSU, the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service (DSAS) provides representation and guidance to help students receive fair and reasonable decisions on issues dealing with academic appeals and disciplinary matters (e.g., plagiarism, cheating, etc.). Staffed by volunteer students, the DSAS provides year-round assistance to well over 200 clients during the course of a year. The service is located in room 310 of the SUB. For further information visit [www.dal.ca/advocacy](http://www.dal.ca/advocacy), email [dsas@dal.ca](mailto:dsas@dal.ca), or call 494-2205.

### External Organizations

#### Campus Advantage

The DSU is a shareholder of Campus Advantage. "Campus Advantage is an innovative and unique organization 100% owned by Canadian post-secondary student associations. It attempts to find the best deals for students in products and services that they typically purchase; make it easier for student-friendly organizations to reach students; and provide those organizations with an opportunity to support student services." Campus Advantage runs a liability and director insurance plan that the DSU participates in. They have also developed the relationship the DSU currently has with Quick Tax, which offers free tax returns for low-income students. For more information on our involvement in Campus Advantage contact Angela Bowie, DSU Executive Vice-President at [dsuvp@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvp@dal.ca).

#### Federal Lobbying

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a federal lobby organization that represents nearly 300,000 students, from 20 colleges and universities across Canada, on matters related specifically to post-secondary education. The Dalhousie Student Union is a member of CASA. This year CASA's membership has been working on policy directives that would see a dedicated federal transfer to the provinces for post-secondary education, the creation of a grants (in lieu of loans) program targeted towards students from low-income families, and the development of a federal election strategy to place post-secondary education on the radar screen of the public. For further information contact Curtis McGrath, Vice-President Education- [dsuvped@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvped@dal.ca) or 494-1275.

#### Provincial Lobbying

The DSU has met with members of the Liberal Caucus, NDP Caucus, the Minister of Education, and many of the chief bureaucrats within the Department of Education. In all of these meetings the message has been forceful and consistent: multi-year funding agreements (via operating grants) designed to combat the rapid increase in tuition levels, student financial aid geared towards promoting access, and the identification of other inadequacies in the Nova Scotia post-secondary education system.

The DSU is in the process of aligning itself with three other Nova Scotia Student Unions to collectively lobby the Provincial Government on matters related to post-secondary education. The DSU and the Student Unions of Acadia, SMU, and St. FX have worked diligently to lay the foundation for an organization that will serve the interests of our students. The decision to join this organization will be made on February 4th, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Annual General Meeting in the McInnis Room. For further information contact Kevin Wasko, President- [dsupres@dal.ca](mailto:dsupres@dal.ca) or 494-1277.

### DSU Council

For a full list of DSU Councilors, visit our website.



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**DSU Operations: \$57.40 Full-time, \$27.50 Part-time** - This provides for the general operation and administration of the DSU, its services, the Student Union Building (SUB), and our Sexton Campus Offices.

**DSU Renovations: \$25 Full-time, \$20.00 Part-time** - The DSU recently completed a \$3 million renovation and reorganization of the SUB. This fee provides support for the financing of the project.

**World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Levy, \$1.00 Full-time** - This levy provides funds in support of WUSC's projects and initiatives to foster understanding and awareness of international development issues. At Dalhousie, the levy provides funding for WUSC's student refugee sponsorship program and supports two refugee students to study at Dalhousie every year. For more information, visit [is2.dal.ca/~wusc](http://is2.dal.ca/~wusc) or contact [wusc@dal.ca](mailto:wusc@dal.ca).

**Facility Improvement Fee: \$4.25 Full-time, \$0.62 Part-time** - The DSU manages the SUB on behalf of the University. In accordance with this agreement, the DSU is responsible for ensuring a certain amount of annual maintenance and improvements are made to the building. This fee, as approved by referendum, provides for this annual support.

**Dalhousie Women's Centre Levy: \$2.35 Full-time, \$1.35 Part-time** - This levy supports the operations of the Dalhousie Women's Centre located at 6286 South Street (near DalPlex). The Dalhousie Women's Centre, operating under its own Board of Directors, organizes annual events including Take Back the Night, Dec. 6th Memorial, International Women's Day, The Vagina Monologues, and workshops on herbal remedies and ecofeminism, to name a few. It also houses a women's issues reference library, and provides outreach, referrals, volunteer opportunities, women's only meeting space to Dalhousie and the surrounding community. To become involved or simply for more information, stop by the Centre or contact Angela Johnson, Executive Director - [dwc@dal.ca](mailto:dwc@dal.ca) or 494-2432

**Course Evaluation Levy: \$1.00 Full-time** - This levy provides for the operation of the DSU's Course Evaluation program and supports the activities of the DSU's Student Advocacy service. For more information, contact Curtis McGrath, Vice-President Education - [dsuvped@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvped@dal.ca) or 494-1275.

**Gazette Levy: \$4 Full-time, \$2.50 Part-time** - This levy supports the operation and weekly publication of The Gazette, Dalhousie's official student newspaper. In operation since 1868, the Gazette operates under its own Publishing Board. The paper is always looking for new volunteers or story ideas. To get involved, stop by the Gazette offices on the 3rd floor of the SUB or contact Malcolm (Repo) Kempf - Gazette Editor-in-Chief - [gazette@dal.ca](mailto:gazette@dal.ca) or 494-2507.

**Sextant: \$0.50 Full-time, \$0.50 Part-time** - This levy provides for the operation and publication of The Sextant, which is the official student paper of Sexton Campus and engineering at Dalhousie. For more information, contact Chris Fedora, Sextant Editor-in-Chief - [cfedora@dal.ca](mailto:cfedora@dal.ca).

In addition to the DSU Fees, most students pay a faculty fee, which goes directly to your faculty or department student society such as the Dalhousie Commerce Society (DCS) or the Dalhousie Medical Students Society (DMSS). As a member of the DSU, there are many ways to get involved and have a say in how your funds are being spent. For more information on DSU fees or anything related to the DSU's finances, contact Glenn Woods, [dsuvpt@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvpt@dal.ca) or 494-1278.

**Upcoming Events**

**Society Fair**

Want to get involved but don't know how? Dalhousie has over 200 different societies on campus with lots of opportunities for everyone. On Monday February 2nd the DSU will be holding a Society Fair in the SUB from 12-3, come out and see what societies Dalhousie has to offer for you.

**Munro Day Ski Trip**

The Munro Day Ski trip will be held on February 6th 2004. Tickets are \$30 each and include your transportation, lift ticket as well as rental of skis or a snowboard. Tickets go on sale Thursday January 29th. The first buses will leave at 9:00am and will leave every half hour until

**Day of Action**

The DSU will be participating in the National Day of Action on February 4, 2004. This will consist of a rally from the SUB down to the Nova Scotia legislature to protest against the increasing cost of tuition in Nova Scotia. We will join students from across the country that will be raising awareness in their respective provinces on the same day. The rally will begin at the SUB at 1:30pm and will end at 4:30pm.

**Constitutional Changes**

The DSU Council has referred a series of constitutional amendments to the upcoming **Annual General Meeting, on February 4th @ 6:30pm in the McInnis Room**, for your consideration. Essentially, these amendments entail restructuring executive portfolios for more adequate representation of the needs of our student body, restructuring the residence representative structure to ensure that all On Campus Residences are effectively represented, and the restructuring of Faculty-based representation to reflect the changes to our student population that have occurred over time. All members of the DSU (i.e., all Dalhousie students) are encouraged to attend this meeting to provide your input on the proposed changes. For further information contact any member of the DSU Council and/or Executive. The amendments are posted on the DSU homepage at [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca).

**Student Fees**

Do you know where your student fees go? Each and every full-time student at Dalhousie pays \$112 per year (\$56 for part-time students) to the DSU and its affiliated organizations. This amounts to over \$3 million every year. These funds are administered on your behalf by the DSU Vice-President Finance with the assistance of the DSU Budget and Finance Committee. The fees breakdown as follows:

**Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group - Dalhousie (NSPIRG-Dal)**

**Levy: \$4 Full-time** - This levy supports the operations of NSPIRG-Dal. The group operates under its own student run and elected Board of Directors and is accountable to its membership, which includes all full-time Dalhousie students. As Dal's own NGO, the group provides an opportunity for students to participate in a fair and balanced perspective in the promotion of human rights, peace, health, social and environmental justice through various forms of public education and research initiatives. Students are able to opt-out of this levy each semester by visiting the NSPIRG office on the 3rd floor of the SUB. This semester's opt-out period runs from February 2-13. For more information, contact Cherise Adjodha, Executive Director - [nspirg@dal.ca](mailto:nspirg@dal.ca) or 494-6662

**CKDU-FM Levy: \$9 Full-time, \$2 Part-time** - This levy supports the operation of Dalhousie's very own community-campus radio station, CKDU-FM. Located on the 4th floor of the SUB, CKDU broadcasts live 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to Dalhousie and the Halifax community. The station is operated by the CKDU-FM Society under its own Board of Directors. Every Dalhousie student is a member of the station and eligible to volunteer as a programmer, assist in their annual fund-raising drive, or attend meetings of the society. Check them out at 97.5 FM or online at [ckdu.dal.ca](http://ckdu.dal.ca). For more information, contact Shelley Robinson, Station Co-ordinator - [ekdufm@dal.ca](mailto:ekdufm@dal.ca) or 494-6479.

**Student Accessibility Fund Levy: \$1.75 Full-time, \$1.00 Part-time** - This levy provides funding for the DSU Student Accessibility Fund (SAF). Operating under its own board, the SAF provides financial support to ensure that DSU and society operations, events, and facilities are accessible to all students. This can range from renovating washrooms in the SUB to providing sign language interpreters at meetings and events, to printing materials in braille. The SAF also provides grants to individuals in support of these types of initiatives or to attend conferences. Finally, the fund attempts to provide information to the Dalhousie community regarding accessibility. For more information, contact Angela Bowie, Executive Vice-President and SAF Chair - [dsuap@dal.ca](mailto:dsuap@dal.ca) or 494-1276.

**Provincial Lobby Coalition (currently under review):**

**\$0.75 Full-time, \$0.38 Part-time** - This levy provides funds in support of the DSU's membership in provincial post-secondary lobby groups and participation in provincial lobbying initiatives. For more information contact Kevin Wasko, President - [dsupres@dal.ca](mailto:dsupres@dal.ca) or 494-1277.

**South African Student Education Project Levy: \$1.00 Full-time**

- This levy provides funds in support of the South African Student Education Project, which is operated by Lester Pearson International (LPI) at Dal. The objective of the project is to coordinate and financially support the study of non-white students from South Africa in graduate programs at Dalhousie University. For more information, visit [www.dal.ca/~lpi/projects/SASEP.htm](http://www.dal.ca/~lpi/projects/SASEP.htm) or contact LPI - [lpi@dal.ca](mailto:lpi@dal.ca) or 494-2308.

**Charity Ball**

This year the 14th annual DSU Charity Ball will be held on Saturday February 7th, 2004. The theme for the evening will be James Bond and we will have the privilege of having the musical entertainment of The Mellotones. Tickets are \$20 dollars each or a table of 10 can be purchased for \$180. Tickets go on sale Monday February 2nd at the SUB information desk. Doors will open at 7:30pm and dinner will be at 8:00pm.

**SUB Grand Opening**

The DSU will be hosting a Grand Opening party on February 11th to highlight the recent renovations to the SUB. The schedule for the day is:  
9:30am - 11:00am: Building tours information tables on DSU services  
11:00am - 11:45am: Official opening  
1:00pm - 3:00pm: Band in the Grawood  
Jousting in the lobby of SUB  
Vendors in lobby of SUB  
9:30pm - 1:00pm: Battle of the Bands in the Grawood  
Please feel free to contact Angela Bowie, DSU Executive Vice-President if you are interested in helping with the day or have any ideas or suggestions.

**Academic Honesty Week**

The DSU will be hosting events during the week of February 16-20th to promote academic integrity at Dalhousie. A full schedule will be posted at [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca) once details have been finalized. For further information contact Curtis McGrath, Vice-President Education - [dsuvped@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvped@dal.ca) or 494-1275.

**General Elections**

The DSU's General Elections will be held on March 10, 11, 12, 2004. This is your chance to have your say either by coming out and voting or by running for a position. Positions available to run for include President, three Vice-Presidents, Board of Governors Rep, and Senate Reps. It all kicks off with the Call for Nominations on February 9. For further information, stop by the DSU Offices in the SUB or contact Will Szubielki, Chief Returning Officer - [election@dal.ca](mailto:election@dal.ca) or 494-1282.

**Winter Carnival**

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# Melons Anyone?

ANGELA DAY Staff Contributor

It's widely accepted that red wine is a key ingredient for romantic nights because it induces relaxation and euphoria. It may simply be intoxication, but a commonly-held belief is that wine is one of many aphrodisiacs.

Aphrodisiacs are foods, drinks, drugs etc. that enhance sexual pleasure. This pseudo-science has its origins in ancient Greek culture, and was named after Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and beauty. Despite the lack of scientific grounding, worldwide belief in aphrodisiacs has prevailed, and studies that prove direct links between food and sex are becoming more common.

The Smell and Taste Foundation in Chicago recently found that many women are turned on by the scent of black licorice, which suggests that there may be more credibility in this alternative practice than skeptics admit. Interestingly enough, aniseed (a spice that tastes like licorice) was originally used by the Greeks thousands of years ago to seduce women.

Various other spices show similar heightened desire that manifests in physical reactions. Chillies, curries and other spicy foods all stimulate nerve endings, which results in heightened pulse and sweating, reminiscent of the way the body reacts to sexual arousal.

Some flavours are meant to be more sensual than fiery though, for a less spunky, more romantic ambience. Chocolate is perhaps the most renowned of these. Originally a desired commodity because it was a mysterious rarity, it's sensual, creamy texture and sweet taste are still alluring in a time when chocolate is attainable virtually everywhere. This may be partly because chocolate releases endorphins—feel-good hormones that the body releases prolifically during sex.

In all this talk of tastiness, though, the power of scent is not to be overlooked. Being the primitive beings that we are, we are very affected by pheromones (smell-induced hormones) and are attracted to certain people because of their signature scents. Vanilla, honey, almonds and nutmeg are all thought to increase desire due to their seductive scents—exactly why many edible body lotions and oils are infused with these aromas. Nutmeg's added bonus is that when enough is consumed, it is actually a mild hallucinogenic, with qualities similar to opium.

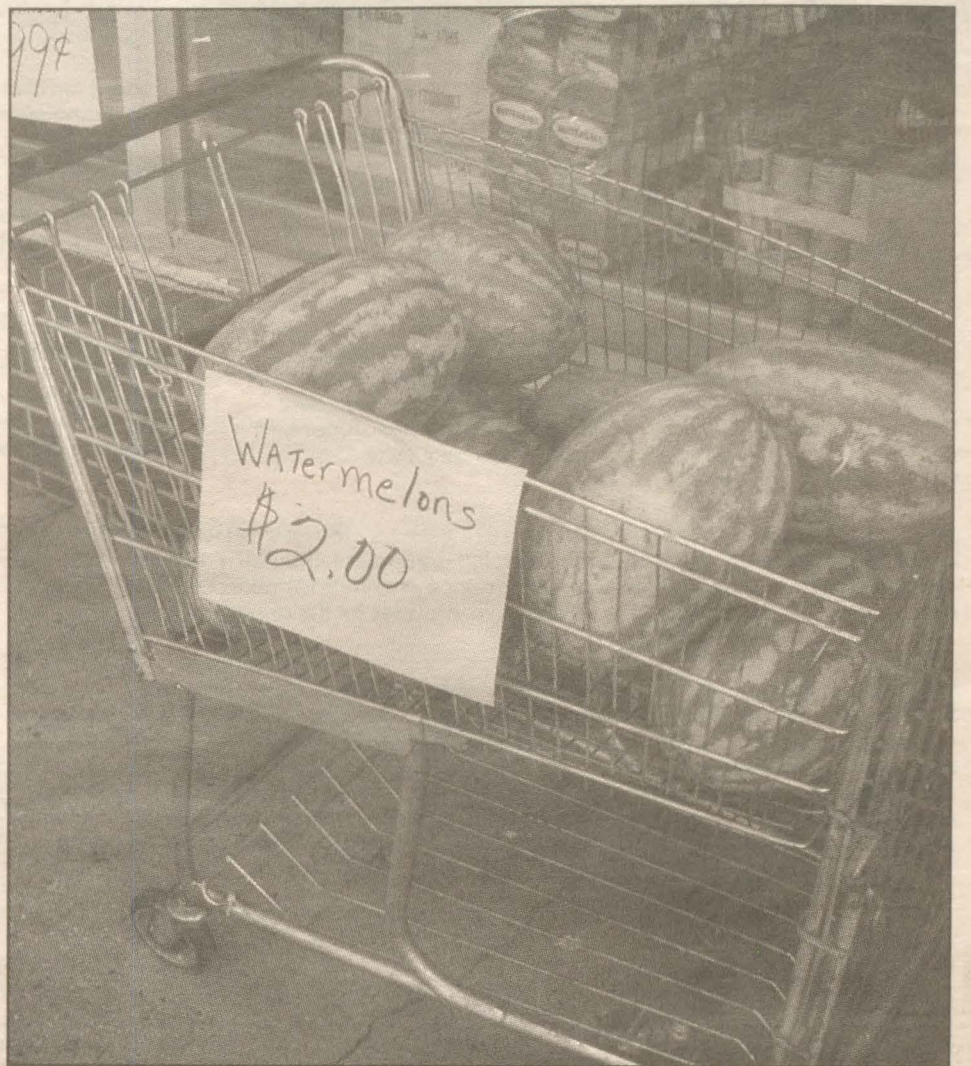
The ability to imagine is perhaps the most powerful libido enhancement there is. Basically, foods that remind you of sex work as a turn on, which is precisely why cucumbers, carrots, asparagus, bananas and other phallic foods are all thought to be aphrodisiacs. In fact, the name avocado comes from the Spanish aguacate, a word that stems from ahucatl, an early Latin American term for testicle. According to discoveryhealth.com, young virgin girls were not allowed outside during the ripening season of this creamy fruit because it would threaten their purity.

Similarly, melons, cherries, peaches and oysters are all linked with the female genitalia, whether through word-association or appearance. Many self-proclaimed romantic chefs swear that the preparation of oysters will lead to a roll in the hay, and not only because of their erotic appearance. Oysters, like other seafood, contain a high level of zinc, a mineral pertinent to testosterone

production in the body. Even though testosterone is linked to male sexuality, it is also the hormone responsible for the female sex drive, so both sexes will benefit from a shared plate of seafood.

If these foods are too mainstream, and you don't want to be a predictable date, there's always Spanish Fly and Yohimbine, two products that are making their way into both the legal and illegal drug markets in North America. Spanish Fly is made from the dried body of a Spanish beetle, and although it is supposed to make you extremely randy, it is also poisonous. Yohimbine, the bark from the Yohimbe tree, is available by prescription only and is said to send testosterone levels swiftly skyward, along with unwelcome side effects like shaking and nausea.

It would seem that alcohol is a cheaper and more accessible alternative with more controllable side effects. After a certain amount though, even alcohol will have a counter-effect on libido. After all of your hard work, it would be a shame to have to excuse yourself for the porcelain palace. Instead, on those cold nights when you wonder what you're doing north of the equator, you could stay in, invite someone special over for



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# The Size of the Prize

ALLY MAYNARD Staff Contributor

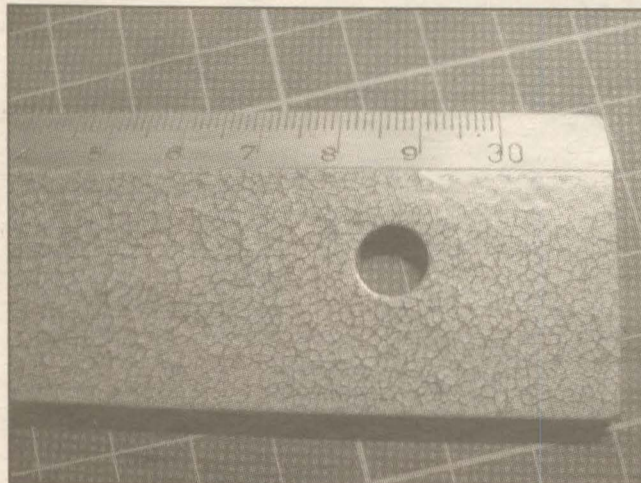
When someone says, "he's got big hands, if you know what I mean," we presume that "he" is both well endowed below the belt and gifted in the sack. We have come to believe that penis size determines the masculinity and sexual "know-how" of every man. But how much truth is there to this theory? How much does size really matter?

To begin, we need to establish what "big" is, so let's get graphic. The average size of the erect human penis, from tip to base, is six inches in length and four and half inches in girth. Approximately 90 per cent of men fall within this perfectly desirable and manly range. Anything above seven and a half inches is considered to be very large.

The message that sexual skill hinges on the size of one's package is relentlessly projected by the media and perpetuated by casual insults and offhand comments. It has to be said that to some extent, size does matter, not only for visual appeal, but also for the feeling of fullness a big set of equipment can provide. Actually, girth is probably more important in this regard than length.

However, those that fall a little short of the mark need not get their knickers in a twist. Extreme cases aside, the magnitude of one's manhood can neither make nor break his skill in bed. When it comes to lovin', what really matters is how you use

what you've got. An attentive lover can achieve great things, regardless of size.



What most people don't realize is that, with regard to the sheer mechanics of both vaginal and anal sex, as little as two and a half inches in length is all that is required to get your partner going. This is because the important sweet spots are in easy-to-reach places. The average length of the vagina is a mere four inches, and though it can stretch considerably

if the woman is sufficiently aroused, the area that is sensitive and responsive to stimuli is located within the first two inches of the vaginal canal. In fact, a long penis is sometimes more feared than revered because it presses up onto the uterus, and although some women enjoy the sensation, others find it incredibly painful (some have likened the feeling to that of getting kicked in the junk). As a result, many lengthier men find that they cannot thrust with the reckless abandon of their shorter peers.

Similarly, anal sex can be enjoyable without being deep. The most important anal-access nerve sensors are located within the first two inches of the anal canal. Men receive additional stimulation from pressure on the prostate gland, but this too can be achieved with only two or three inches of penetration. Clearly, penis size has little to do with performance.

So, as with everything else, it all boils down to personal preference. Some people prefer their partner to be small so that oral sex is easier. Some people want their partner to be porn star big. And then there's the majority of the population that really doesn't care as long as you know what you are doing.

My advice—don't sweat the small stuff. Life's too short.

# The Striptacular Life

LI DONG Staff Contributor

Joe Marcello is the owner of Atlantis Entertainment Agency, which caters to clubs and parties to satisfy their demand for exotic dancers. "It's the only job where there is true equality in pay whether you are male or female," he says. However, he later added that the female strippers do in fact get more tips.

Being a dancer himself for 12 years, Joe has developed certain wisdom about the industry. He says that the main reason for becoming a dancer is flat-out the money. "Some girls I manage make up to \$ 1,000 a night," he says. "The younger girls just want to party and spend, but other girls are saving up or supporting their child."

For the average Dal student, this would mean paying off a year's tuition in about two weeks, not to mention savoring in the bitter irony of watching your *profs give your money back to you*.

"For girls," Joe explains, "the job is usually about financial freedom and independence." However, no one can do the job well forever. "It's like a taxi," Joe says, "you get in at one point knowing where you want to end up, and when you arrive there, you just have to get out." Joe suggests to his girls that they set a goal for themselves and once they reach that goal, to stop dancing.

A girl might walk in having all the right physical assets to become a stripper, but Joe is more interested in what's, "up here" (he taps on the side of his temple). "Are you going to

put in the effort? Are you going to show up to work on time? Are you going to hurt yourself? Are you going to support your drug habit? Are you going to turn to prostitution?" These are all questions Joe considers when drafting a new player.

So what is the first piece of advice Joe would give to an aspiring stripper? "Don't do it" he answers. "If you have any other options to live on, don't start stripping."

Stripping also endangers people's personal relationships. "Some people get extremely jealous that their significant other is the object of desire and fantasy for other strangers," says Joe. He says that the dancers are almost always single, but

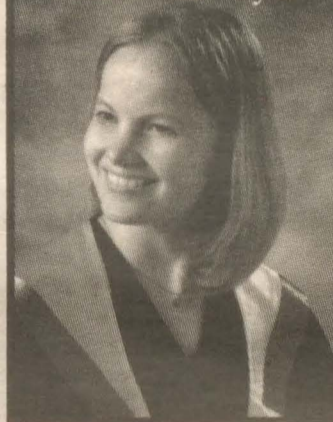
loneliness does set in at times, and they too feel the need to shack up with someone.

"It's always a strain on the relationship," says Joe of the stripping lifestyle. "They say that sailors have two girlfriends at every port, the same kind of thinking gets applied to us dancers as well. But in the end, if two people really love each other, then they don't really need to worry."

When the day is done, living your life as a stripper might not offer true happiness, but, as Joe says, "money can't buy you happiness...but it can buy you a lot of things."

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# Dirty Talk

BRIGITTE "B.D." DISCH Staff Contributor



When it comes to hooking up, there are certain areas that we just haven't discussed thoroughly. There are those awkward questions that everyone has, but that no one feels the need to talk about. Well, it's those little words and phrases that have the potential to put anyone over the top. When it comes to talking dirty in bed, what are you supposed to say?

We've all watched porn and thought "how unrealistic." Mostly because the girls are gasping and moaning to no end, and the guys think they're the shit for saying "yeah baby!" But think about it, it may seem unrealistic, but it works! Imagine sex without audio. Boring, n'est-ce pas? No sound can very well translate into un-enjoyable sex. In real life, we can let our lover know we're having a good time by saying little words or phrases, without sounding ridiculously fake like the actors in pornography.

It's not new that guys want to make their girls squirm and moan in bed, but how are they supposed to know if they're doing a good job, or vice versa? The "ooh's" and "ah's" are definitely key for guiding those clueless guys and girls to the pleasure spots. Oh, but don't stop there! Take it up a notch and say something kinky. "Do you wanna' try \_\_\_\_\_?" "I want to \_\_\_\_\_." "I like it like this (demonstrate)!"

Girls, instead of gasping faster and louder when he's aimlessly groping for the right spot in the dark, why not just tell him where to go? Just think of how fabulous we'd be in bed if only we were told straight up what our partners like and what they want. "I like it sweet and sensual," or "I like it intensely hot and sweaty."

The guys that I talked to said they love it when their girls talk dirty to them. They love hearing how turned on we are, so don't be afraid to throw in words that describe how you're feeling

downtown. Guys seem to agree that their favorite phrases to hear have to do with their prized member. So girls, make them feel like a man and tell them how big they look or how good they feel. But let's not kid ourselves here guys, for those of you less fortunate, you'll probably be hearing phrases like "oh, it looks so...good," instead of "oh baby, it's huge!"

When it comes to talking dirty to girls in bed, the consensus is to keep it low-key—at first, anyway. We don't want to hear anything freaky or nasty. Stick to telling chicks, the ones who haven't gained the freshman 15, that they have a hot body or that they feel incredible. "Oh my god, you are so hot!" usually does the trick. And in the case that they aren't attractive, well...actually, let's hope that's not the case. Tell them what you'd like to do to them and also listen to what the ladies tell you. And for heaven's sake, try to remember what we say. It's so monotonous when we need to remind you where it is every time.

Are there any boundaries within which we need to stay? Basically, just as long as you're comfortable, it's all good. I mean you don't want to get all dirty and scary with a new fling, unless you plan on never talking to them again. But on the other hand, you don't want to give the impression that you, well, basically suck, if you're on mute. The bottom line is that dirty talk is sexy as hell when the right things are said. Be honest and say "more, more!" if that's what you want, or give the silent treatment if you have to, and hope that your partner sees the bored look on your face and puts two and two together. In any case, you know you're fabulous if at the end of the session your neighbors are in awe outside your door and they've all heard the sacred words "I'm coming!" over and over again. That's when you know you need to take five, crank up the A/C, and say "let's go again, baby!"

## Super Sex in the Super City: Q&A

DAVE MORINÉ Sexpert

Hey Dave,

I come from another province and enjoy being at Dal. I'm learning some new sports and am part of a group that meets at Dalplex. Here is the issue: am I the only circumcised boy at Dal? I've always been involved in sports, so I'm not shy about locker rooms and showers. Where I come from, we've all been trimmed, but here I don't know anyone who is. On a side issue, why are all uncircumcised boys bigger down there? I never noticed before that it stunts the growth of guys who have been cut. I've dated a bit and found that girls aren't used to boys who have had circumcisions. The girls made a real big deal about it. Don't get me wrong, I think they liked it, but I don't want my dick to be considered a novelty. So am I stupid to be so concerned? Are boys circumcised here at all? Do girls expect that boys won't be done? What gives?

First Year Tiger with hood missing

OK First Year Tiger, there is nothing to worry about. You are not the only circumcised guy at Dalhousie, and there are plenty of people out there who enjoy circumcised men. However, your observations on regional variances are true. Circumcision tends to be very regionalized, in some areas it is very popular, and in other areas it is not. Generational differences can also be seen, as a lot of males I know are uncircumcised, but their fathers or uncles are circumcised.

It is difficult to quote actual rates of circumcision, as trends can be so varied amongst different religious or cultural communities. In the Victorian era, circumcision was practiced routinely as a cure for masturbation. During the 1960s, it is estimated that 80 per cent of Canadian males were circumcised, because physicians felt it was more hygienic. According to a recent Statistics Canada report, circumcision is still practiced in Canada at a rate of 48 per cent. Variances occur between provinces, with Ontario ranking at 50 per cent, Newfoundland at almost zero and the Prairies somewhere in between. It is even more common in the United States, and much less common in Europe and Australia. According to the Australian College of Pediatrics, only 11 per cent of boys are clipped down under.

So, your observation is true: there are more uncut than cut guys around Halifax. I'm sure there are guys from the Maritimes that have moved to Toronto and found that they were one of the only uncircumcised males around.

As for your second question, circumcision does not stunt the penis' growth. Foreskin makes the penis look bigger in some guys because of the added covering. Uncut guys don't have a secret handicap in terms of size. As for your encounters over the year, it could be that those females hadn't been exposed to a circumcised penis before. My own friends who have lived in Atlantic Canada their entire life say it wasn't until their fourth or fifth partner that they came across a circumcised guy. Just be cool and open with your partners and I'm sure your dick won't become a novelty.

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# Sartorial Eloquence

JENN MORRISON Fashion Po Po  
LI DONG Lucky Bastard

**Jenn:**

We told the cab driver to take us to Maxwell's Plum. Little did he know, we were going to Night Magic. Then again, little did I know, as a sex-shop ingénue, that there is nothing to be ashamed about in the pleasure haven on Sackville Street. "My minister reads my articles!" I exclaimed upon entering. "Ministers shop here!" responded Leslie Singer, who showed us the ropes at Night Magic.

**Li:**

Jenn's Minister will be happy to hear that upon her entrance, my bubbly coworker pointed to a colorful piece and chanted "I wanna try that one on!" The lovely lady informed Jenn that that particular piece of underwear was the crotchless model, engineered for peek-a-booing. At that moment, her face flushed like her mother had just accidentally stumbled across the "goody drawer" beside her bed.

**Jenn:**

I do not have a goody drawer! But I confess, I am drawn to satin and lace like a fat kid to cake, and at first glance, I didn't notice the strategically-placed holes around the nipple and nether regions. Luckily, there were more modest corsets next to their risqué counterparts. After some coaxing (which was really just for show, because I was planning to cave), I took one into the dressing room. Leslie constructed a complete boudoir costume for me, including thigh-high black patent leather boots and a black feather boa. Yet, when I dressed myself up as a neo-Lady Marmalade, I immediately covered up in the fluffy white robe so generously provided by the all-knowing Night Magic staff. False modesty?

**Li:**

After a mind-numbing negotiation primarily including me banging on the door, Jenn finally agreed to let me in for a look...in her robe. Between door-bangs I killed time by looking around. One item of particular interest was a \$1,200, state-of-the-art blow-up doll named "Debbie." After being pressed to feel her "skin" I was ready to see what a real woman looked like. I went back to Jenn's dressing room, and in my sincerest voice told her that it didn't matter what she was wearing because she was beautiful on the inside and that's all that matters. Then I kicked the door down.

**Jenn:**

Easy for him to say, he of the "No, I will not model a Nova Scotia tartan g-string for you, Jenn, no matter how wildly you beg!" assertion, even though that product is Night Magic's best seller for men. But that's beside the point. The pictures that Li so graciously took are not for display in *The Gazette*. "Sexy" is not on my top-five list of self-descriptive adjectives, but I felt damn good, and even confident, in my corset. However, some things are best kept under wraps. At least until Li knocks on the door...

**Li:**

Although the pictures are on lock-down, I can still testify to their extreme sexiness. The good people at Night Magic had not only provided Jenn with a bangin' bedroom outfit, they had actually pumped her up with massive amounts of self-esteem, something every girl needs—self-esteem and thigh-highs, that is.



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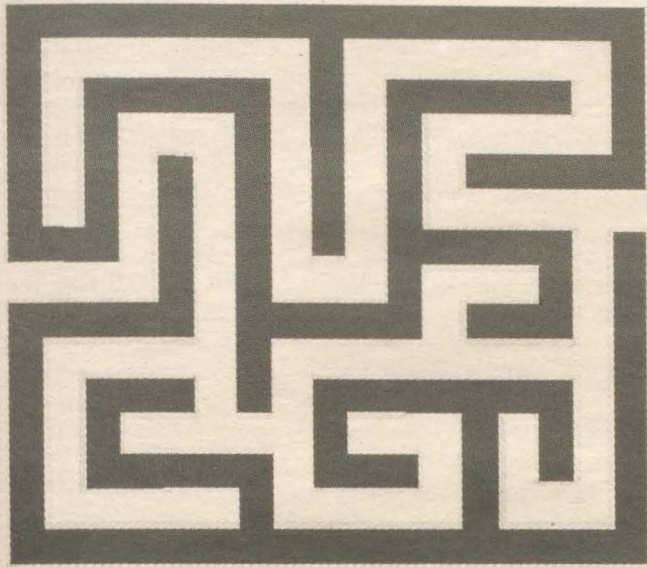
# Kama Sutra

LYNN CULLEN Photographer



# Finding Calm at the Centre of Things

SAM WORTHINGTON Staff Contributor



Forget Greek mythology. Toss aside the notion that labyrinths are dark, dangerous mazes with virgin-hungry Minotaurs lurking in the center. Labyrinths are also tools for meditation in ancient religious practices. Dalhousie United Church Chaplain Martha Martin has recently set up a walking labyrinth on campus at the Edward Street Chaplaincy for students, faculty and community members alike.

When I arrived at the Chaplaincy, two women had just finished walking the labyrinth. They were in a bit of a hurry for an interview, but said they wanted to go on the record as being "satisfied customers."

The labyrinth is printed up on two blue tarps, which fill the length of the Chaplaincy's prayer and mediation room. The labyrinth circuit is traced out in black, and has a smooth shape like a scallop-shell. It's modeled on the labyrinth of Chartres Cathedral in France. Candles stand on each corner of the labyrinth and in the center; the blinds in the room are drawn, and only a sliver of midday light glares off of the tarpaulin labyrinth. A stereo set up in the corner plays calming ambient sounds-

Martin says she unfortunately forgot her usual CD of Gregorian chanting.

The difference between mazes and labyrinths is that in a maze you can get lost. A labyrinth only has one path which leads-in long twists and loops-to the middle.

"A maze tickles the logical mind," says Martin "with a labyrinth, however, the only decision required is to step inside."

This is the third labyrinth Chaplain Martin has constructed. The first, and most prototypical was made at the St. Johns United Parish. The second was at Mount St. Vincent, where Martin also serves as university Chaplain. Though it has only been around for a few weeks, people are already starting to take interest in the labyrinth, and Martin hopes students will take advantage of the resource. "People who have trouble with sitting meditation are attracted to this kind of thing," Martin says.

During the Christmas exam period, the Chaplaincy was home to a "safe studies" program, which allowed students a quiet place to study, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and walk the newly laid out labyrinth. Martin has similar plans for the upcoming final exam period. While some people dismiss the whole labyrinth idea as a bit "new age-y," according to Martin, she is quick to point out that it's really "old age-y."

"If people could realize this really energizes you... it's a nice twenty minutes to just slow down," Martin says.

*The labyrinth hours are Wednesday from 12-2 p.m. at the Dalhousie Chaplaincy Office, on 1321 Edward Street*

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My old roommate used to say, "Making love is what people do while I fuck them." Inspired by this, we realized that not all people view sex in the same light. So, we came up with a list of music to get busy with for all the little angels and devils out there:

### The Making Love Albums:

- Lover's Rock • Sade
- Mezzanine • Massive Attack
- Grace • Jeff Buckley
- Rush of Blood to the Head • Coldplay
- Is This Desire • PJ Harvey
- Best Of • Leonard Cohen
- She Hangs Brightly • Mazzy Star
- Selected Ambient Works 85-92 • Aphex Twin
- Murder Ballads • Nick Cave
- Give Up • The Postal Service

### The Fucking Albums:

- Songs About Fucking • Big Black
- Reroute to Remain • In Flames
- Seasons in the Abyss • Slayer
- The Heelwalkers • The Heelwalkers
- Broken • Nine Inch Nails
- Vulgar Display of Power • Pantera
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# Basketball Teams, No Fun on the Rock

ADAM SOMERS Sports Editor

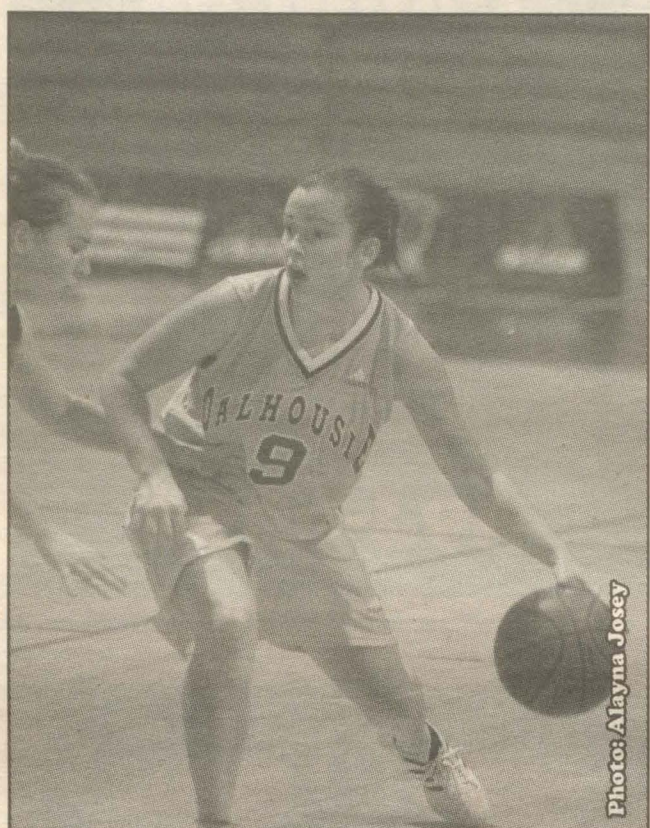


Photo: Alayna Josey

Both the men's and women's basketball teams had a rough week, as they were not greeted warmly by the island folk. Out of four games played in total, the Tigers won exactly one less than...well...one. Memorial's Field House is not very receptive to visitors. The fans are solidly behind their teams, and opponents are lucky to get on the ferry with a split weekend. Dal, however, was not lucky this weekend.

The men arrived tied with the Seahawks in the standings, with both teams fighting for a crucial playoff spot. In the first game on Saturday, they came out slow, as the crowd definitely played a factor. Going into halftime trailing by 15, the Tigers were unable to muster up any life in the second half and lost by a score of 73-61. Nick Donald had 14 points and the Tigers, who shot a paltry 30 per cent from the floor.

Despite playing better on Sunday, the outcome was not much better for the male ballers. Although they kept the score closer, going into the half losing only by three, they still wound up on the short end of the stick, losing 82-75. Nick Donald had a great individual effort, with 28 points. Matt Brooks added 17 for the Tigers, while Dan Bustillo had 11 assists.

The women, meanwhile, found themselves within two points of division leaders MUN in the standings before heading into this weekend. Currently they are six points behind division leader MUN. It seemed the women were equally as unprepared as the men in the first game on Saturday. The women came out sluggish, down by 10 at the half, and did not improve as the game went on, as they lost by a final score of 88-69. Katherine Fortier had 16 points for the Tigers

Sunday would prove to be a different story, as the women came out determined and led by five after two quarters. The game was very tight in the second half and Dal seemed as if they were going to be able to pull off an upset, but Memorial sunk two free throws in the waning seconds of the game to send it into overtime. In the overtime frame, the Seahawks proved too strong for the Tigers as they won 82-76 in a game where the score does not tell the whole story. Sonya Young had an impressive 20 points for the Tigers, shooting 7 for 10 from the field. Ryan McKay added 15 points, while Leslie Duncan had 12 points and 11 rebounds for a double double that you can't drink.

The Tigers will have their chance for revenge as they face off against the Seahawks on Sun Feb. 1. The women play at 1 p.m. and the men tip off at 3 p.m. Go to church, then come on out and make a day of it. Free admission with Dal ID, and you will be home in lots of time to catch the Super Bowl.

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# Tigers Win Big, Then Lose Close One

JOEY RYBA Staff Contributor

The Dalhousie Tigers men's hockey team grabbed two out of a possible four points this weekend with a 7-0 slogging of UPEI and a 4-3 loss at the hands of STU. The demolishing of UPEI was especially nice because of the 8-1 loss experienced at their hands earlier this month, when the men's team was wracked by the flu virus.

In a total team effort on Friday, Dal came out firing on all cylinders to hammer UPEI. Ross McCain, Justin Hawco, Darrell Jerrett, Martin Beck, Pat Vincent and Chris Stanley with two, scored for Dal. Fabian Joseph praised his team for their efforts.

"We've played well the last three games. I've told the guys we're going in the right direction. Tonight we got the bounces, and a few guys who weren't scoring found the back of the net."

Pat Vincent made his return to lineup after being sidelined with

injuries for an extended period of time. Vincent threw some big hits and lit the lamp once. "It feels awesome to be back," said Vincent. "I was tired of watching from the stands. Our chemistry has come a long way. We are playing better as a team right now. We have a long way to go until the playoffs and we have to prepare and make things happen."

On Saturday, in one of the fastest games ever at Dal, the Tigers ended up on the short end of the stick, as they lost 4-3 to STU. Ross McCain, Darrell Jerrett, and Mark Lynk scored for Dal. Both teams traded goals in the first. Dal grabbed a 3-1 lead in the second. STU battled back and scored shorthanded late in the second to deadlock the game at three's after two periods of play. In the third period, Dal out-shot STU 15-7, but it was STU who scored in dramatic fashion at 18:31 of the third en route to the victory. The loss was disappointing for Dal, who had been playing better of late.

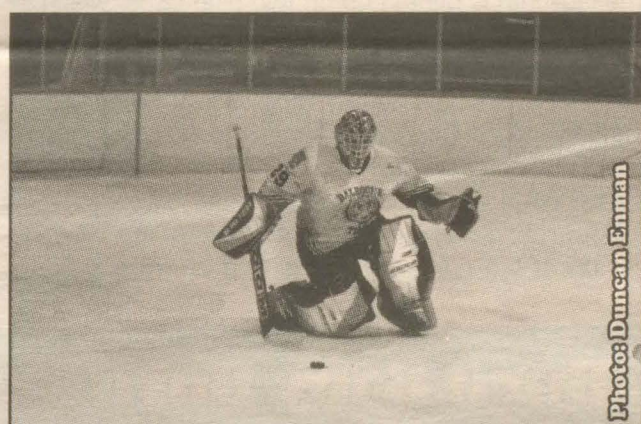


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Currently Dal and UPEI are tied for fourth place with 22 points. The Tigers next hit the ice at the Dal Arena on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. as they take on the St. F.X. X-men in what should be a barnburner.

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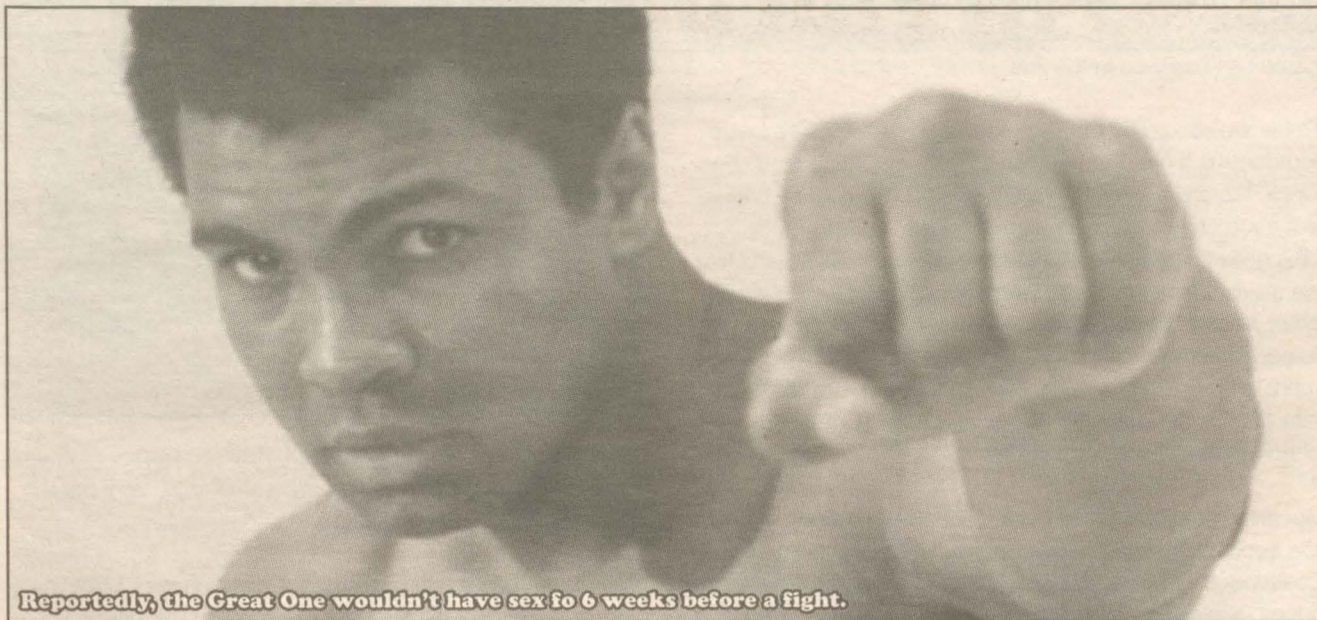
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# Sex Before, Sports After?

ADAM SOMERS Sports Editor



Reportedly, the Great One wouldn't have sex for 6 weeks before a fight.

It has long been debated whether sex before a match helps or hinders a person's performance in sporting events. Just how long has this been debated? Well, in *Natural History*, written in AD 77, Pliny the Elder, a Roman historian said that "athletes when sluggish are revitalized by love-making." In modern day athletics, there are both supporters and critics of the idea of sex the night before.

Examples of people who are advocates of sex before performance in athletic events:

Polish national soccer team coach Jerzy Engel: He says that he'll allow his players to bring along wives and girlfriends during the World Cup. Some players accept the offer, but others don't. Poland loses early in the Cup, but goes home satisfied?

Durex condom makers: 150,000 Durex condoms featuring the slogan "spirit of friendship" are supplied to athletes during the Commonwealth Games. That works out to 30 condoms per competitor, or three per competitor per day. Obviously they are going to support it—it gets them money.

Brazilian striker Romario: Quoted as saying "good strikers can only score goals when they have had good sex on the night before a match." Whatever man, your name is Romario.

Former cricket player Simon Hughes: "I'd say pre-match sex helped more than it hindered. I took six wickets and bowled out Zimbabwe to win a match for Middlesex the night after a dalliance with a Harare hairdresser, and enjoyed similar success during a four-day fling with a Birmingham nurse." Dude, you play cricket, women go for that?

Germany's national track team sprinting coach: He tells a magazine that sex before races improves the performance of female sprinters, because it raises their testosterone level. Somehow I think his testosterone is a little too high.

Soccer Star Ronaldo: "Sex a couple of hours before the match is the key to success. The man has to be rather passive and just enjoy the experience. This relaxes him and makes him happy, which in turn gives him a whole load of energy." What is it with these soccer players whose name starts with r?

German swimmer Franziska van Almsick: She says she warms up for races by having sex—preferably in the pool. "Sex has always given me a big boost," she says. She won Europe's swimmer of the year, who am I to argue?

Dr. Ruth Westheimer: She told a reporter that it would be OK for players to have sex before the big game. "For those players who have a partner: have a quickie with that partner, but not a long lovemaking episode." Of course she is going to advocate it, it pays the bills.

Former tennis star Mark Philippoussis: In an interview, former girlfriend Melanie Maudran said he insisted on having sex before matches, including just before going on to centre court at Wimbledon. Again, great player, whatever works.

On the other side, the people who would rather you hold off:

Italy's coach, Giovanni Trapattoni: He bans his players from having sex during the first round of the World Cup, and adds that after that, "moderation is needed." Obviously they didn't use moderation as the lost in the third round.

Sprinter Linford Christie: "Not having sex makes you more aggressive. You need that aggression." What sort of aggression do you need to run fast? It's not as if someone is trying to tackle you.

Arsenal's Freddie Ljungberg: He says that having sex the night before a match made his legs "feel like concrete." Running around after a stupid soccer ball makes my legs feel like concrete too.

Boxer Rocky Marciano: He would excuse himself from the marital bed for months before a big bout. He won 49, lost none and had 43 knockouts. What more can you say?

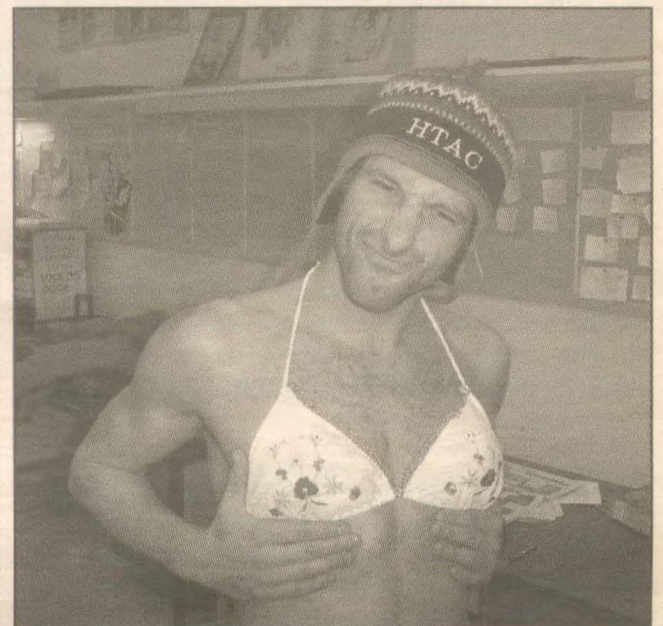
Muhammad Ali: He was said to abstain for at least six weeks before a fight. He was The Greatest, are you going to argue with him?

So basically, the jury is out on whether sex before sports is good or bad. All I have to say is if it works for you, great, if it doesn't work, great. Heck, I would rather boycott the whole sex issue of *The Gazette*, but they said I couldn't.

# 10 Ways...

JENINE DOWDEN Photo Editor

... to date a varsity athlete



Although I have only dated one jock before, and he was ugly, I offer to you my suggestions to the ladies who want to be puck bunnies, ball bunnies or any other kind of bunnies.

10. Perfect your stickhandling abilities.
9. Keep your cheerleading outfit from high school.
8. Be the drunkest girl at the super bowl party.
7. Be hot (i.e. have nice boobs).
6. Talk stats, not world issues.
5. Excel at ball handling.
4. Use your cheerleader outfit from high school.
3. Wear a jersey to the super bowl party...and nothing else.
2. Talk slowly, and use small words
1. Put out

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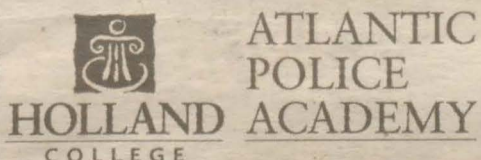
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# Wide World of Weird Sports: Lacrosse

ADAM SOMERS Sports Editor

Canada's official summer sport is lacrosse. That's right, it's not baseball or soccer, not any other sport that one might associate with being a Canuck, but lacrosse. Just what the heck is this funny game where they run around with balls and sticks and whack each other? Read on.

Lacrosse, or lax, as it is called by those in the know, is very old—older than your great great-great-great-grandma. It dates back to the 1400's when it was played by native North Americans. Teams had up to 500 people and goals that could be a mile wide, so you would have to be in great shape just to make one save. Can you imagine running half a click only to let the ball go through your five hole? Not only that, but games would last from sunrise to sunset, often for two or three days. Things changed in 1867, when W. George Beers (yes that is his real last name) came up with the rules we know today.

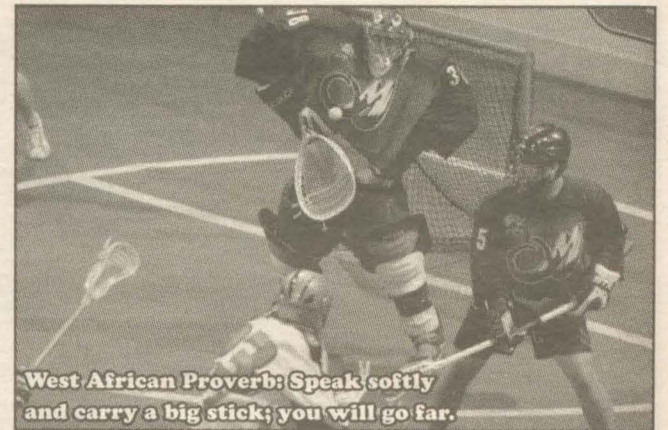
Box lacrosse (indoor) was created in Canada in the 1930's, and is a combination of hockey and soccer, along with a little bit of basketball. It is played by teams of six people: a goaltender, two defencemen and three forwards. Unlike in hockey, there is no icing or off sides, but there is checking, boards and face-offs. Games are played in four 15-minute

quarters. The goal tenders have such large gear that you wonder how goals are ever scored, but the normal score of a game can easily be in the 20s.

Goals are scored by throwing the ball past the goalie into a four-foot-high net, but the trick is there is a 30-second shot clock. Picture hockey with a shot clock—it would be chaos, but good chaos, no more neutral zone trap here. A major change is that you are allowed to whack the player's stick or his gloves as much as you want. You can also cross-check other players' bodies as long as you do not use "excessive force." This makes for interesting watching as one player is running up the field with a player on the opposite team hitting him with his stick as hard as he can on the hands or cross-checking him all the livelong day.

Speaking of sticks, the sticks are 40-46 inches long and the pockets are four to seven inches wide, except for goaltenders, who can have bigger pockets and longer sticks (insert joke here). Sticks have to be made of metal. Shoulder pads, rib pads, helmet visors and mouth guards are all mandatory equipment

You would think with all that contact there would be more fights, but fights in lacrosse are few and far between. When



there is a fight, however, watch out. Any semblance of control is lost; benches empty and punches are thrown as if they were party crashers—violently and immediately.

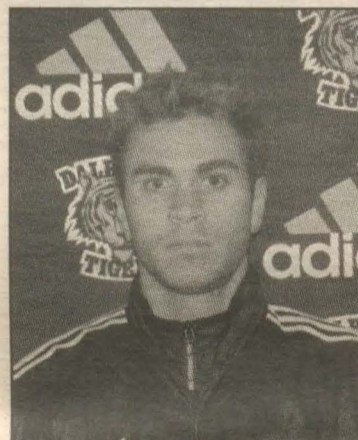
All in all, the game that you probably tried once or twice in gym class in junior high is actually kind of fun, although I must admit there is a very steep learning curve. I can barely catch the stupid ball in the pocket, let alone shoot it. But give our official summer sport a try sometime. You never know, stranger things have happened than people actually liking lacrosse.

## Athletes Of The Week



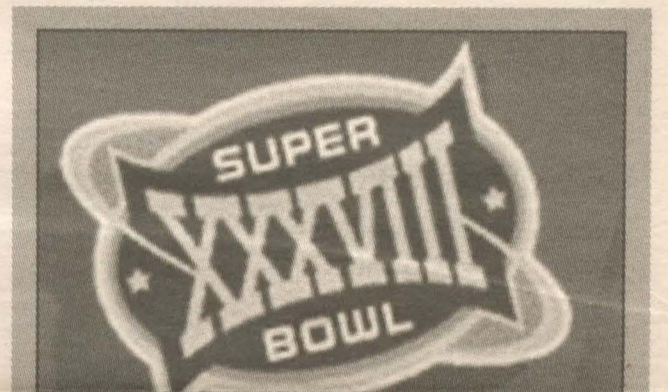
**Jennifer Payne, Track & Field**

Jennifer Payne of the women's track and field team has been named Dalhousie's Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending January 25, 2004. Competing in only her second ever pentathlon, Jennifer established a new Dalhousie and AUS record for the event. Scoring personal bests in the 60m hurdles and long jump, Jennifer became the first AUS athlete ever to crack the 3000m barrier in the pentathlon. The pentathlon record marked Jennifer's second record in as many weekends. She won the pole vault in Sherbrooke the previous weekend with an AUS jump of 3.25 meters. Jennifer is a master's kinesiology student and hails from Kingston, Ont.



**Jeremy Koenig, Track & Field**

Jeremy Koenig of the men's track and field team has been named Dalhousie's Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending January 25, 2004. Jeremy once again demonstrated that he is the fastest man in the conference this past weekend, handily winning the 60m at the Moncton Invitational. Jeremy's performances in the heats and finals left him with a total of seven performances, better than the next closest AUS sprinter. Jeremy was a finalist at last year's CIS championships in Windsor, Ontario and is hoping to move up in the ranks again this year. His early season performances are all well ahead of last season, making this a potential banner year for the fifth-year Dalhousie runner. Jeremy is a master's student in biochemistry and a native of Halifax.



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# Sexy Soccer Uniforms

ADAM SOMERS Sports Editor

Recently, FIFA President Sepp Blatter was quoted as saying that in order to attract more viewers, women should wear more "feminine uniforms," including "tighter shorts." He went on to say that "pretty women are playing football today. Excuse me for saying that." He needs much more than good manners to get himself out of the hole he has dug. This statement, of course, caused an uproar within feminist groups, and the players themselves were obviously not impressed either. Many have called for his resignation. But before we pass judgment, let's take a closer look at a cold hard fact: sex sells.

Women's sports are by no means exempt from this. Case in point: beach volleyball, in which the female players wear skimpy bikinis. According to most players, it works best to "keep sand out of their uniform," meanwhile sponsors are lining up for the beach volleyball events. Anna Kournikova, who has never won an event on the professional tour, is perhaps the most recognized tennis player ever, why? Because she is hot, and the publicity around her has been so crazy that if you mention Anna and tennis in the same sentence, it is assumed one knows whom you are talking about. Make no mistake about it; you are rarely talking about her tennis ability either.

There have been examples of sex selling in soccer too. The most remembered image of the 1999 World Cup was not a goal, or a spectacular save, but Brandi Chastain taking off her shirt to celebrate, exposing her sports bra (Nike, of course). Soccer has been just as guilty as the other sports of promoting sex in the past.

The fact still remains that Blatter should definitely be saying, "excuse me for saying that" for his comments. The problem is that Sepp Blatter is the president of FIFA. Not only is he the president of FIFA, he is a male. Not only is he the president of FIFA and a male, he is old, like 69 years old. So when he says something like that, he is automatically a dirty old man. Even if



he is right, he is still a dirty old man. This guy is also obviously an idiot, but of course, you knew this already. I can understand if he said this in a closed-door meeting and it somehow leaked out, but this guy says it in an interview with a paper, no prompting no nothing...idiot.

Maybe wearing skimpier uniforms would attract more sponsors and fans to women's soccer, maybe not. As for myself, I hate soccer and wouldn't go out of my way to watch it, no matter what they were wearing.

But hey, excuse me for saying that.



## 10 Questions with Tony Finch

QUESTIONS BY THERESA ANNE SALAH

- 1) **On a scale from 1 to 10, how boring is your hometown? Why?**  
What? Boring? In the words of Chris Geddes, "Let's get serious." Is Halifax not the home of The New Palace Cabaret?
- 2) **What are you taking at Dal?**  
BSc. Double major in psych and french.
- 3) **Who's your favorite athlete and/or sports team?**  
Patrick Vincent, men's hockey. The guy plays air guitar like no other.
- 4) **What's the last thing you do before a game?**  
Have a little on court powwow with the starting seven.
- 5) **What's the worst thing you've ever done to a player on the other team?**  
In my first year, we beat a conference team in less than 45 minutes. That's got to hurt the self-esteem.
- 6) **Who's the hottest person in the world? (girlfriends don't count)**  
A Girl many refer to as Snowplow. Feel free to read into that name as much as you want.
- 7) **What's your pet peeve?**  
People who don't read the paper.
- 8) **What do you think of the sports editor?**  
I do my best not to.
- 9) **If you could invent one useless holiday, what and when would it be?**  
Seinfeld Day of February 10 of each year.
- 10) **What's the sexiest animal in the world?**  
I'm gonna have to say the cougar, but only when not convered in denim from head to toe.

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## A Dog Humping Your Leg is not Coming on to You

By: Chris Fedora, Editor-in-Chief

Bestiality (not beastiality) is the common word for zoophilia, which means an erotic attraction or desire for sexual contact with animals. This stuff was around before the Internet, so you can't blame it on porn. The Bible says so.

Leviticus 20

<sup>15</sup> And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.

<sup>16</sup> And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Aside from beginning sentences with conjunctions, Leviticus has made a big mistake (Leviticus didn't write it, but you get the idea). In both cases, the beast was put to death. The beast didn't do anything wrong. You can't blame the victim. Here's the way rational people (!) think:

Say I'm hosting a party and I decide to go to my room. When I open the door, I see a guy blowing my Irish wolfhound. My first reflex is not to say "bad dog!" I'm more likely to grab an ice pick and gouge out the guy's eyes. The dog would

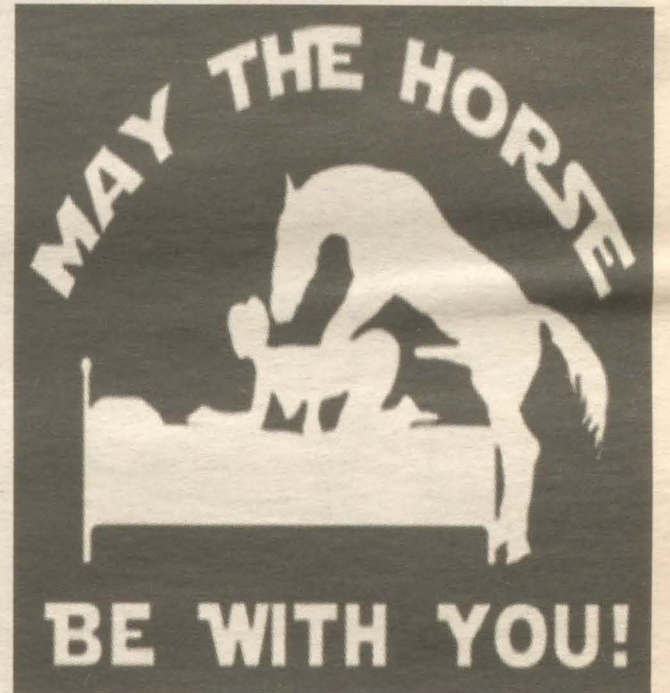
get away scot-free, unless he made a habit of seducing my party-goers.

You might be thinking "What would make a person do something like this." Here are my best guesses.

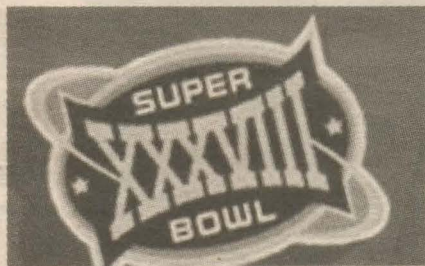
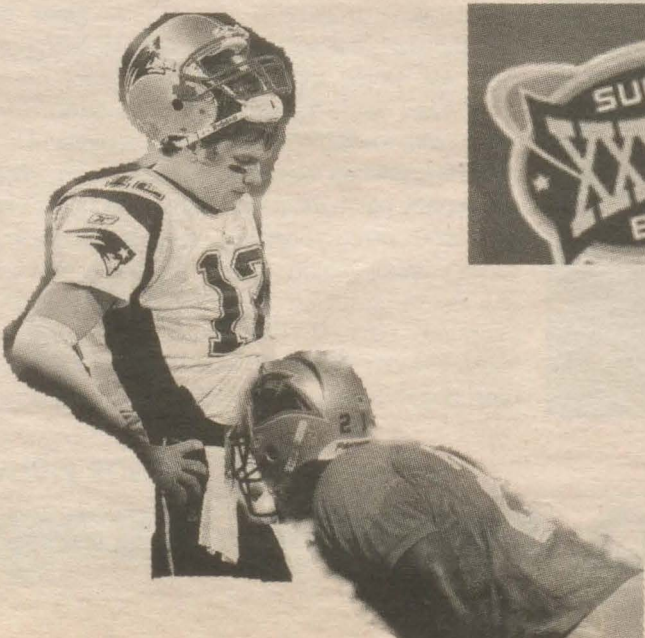
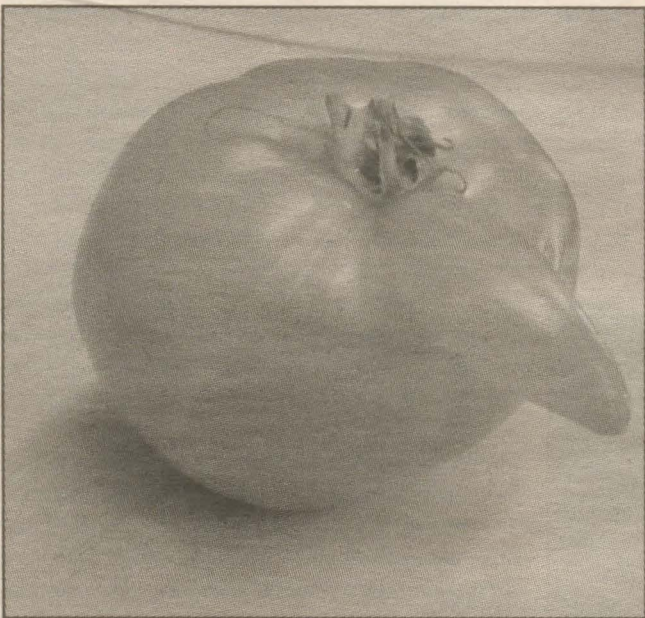
1. Young boys who live on farms. They may not see other females much (cept for their mom, but that'd be sick). So they take a cow aside for a session.
2. Crack whores. These women would do it for payment. There's most likely a guy with a twisted sense of humour on the other side of the camera planning to sell it on the Internet.
3. Soccer moms. Their husbands neglect them, but they love horseback riding... bareback...possibly leading to equestrian fellatio.

I don't mean to disrespect anyone who gets a laugh out of elephants humping. That stuff is just plain funny. I know if I see a dog humping a Care Bear, I'm keeled over laughing.

Anyway people, be considerate—if you start blowing a horse, don't stop till he's done. That's just plain manners.



## Mother Nature, with a Sense of Humour



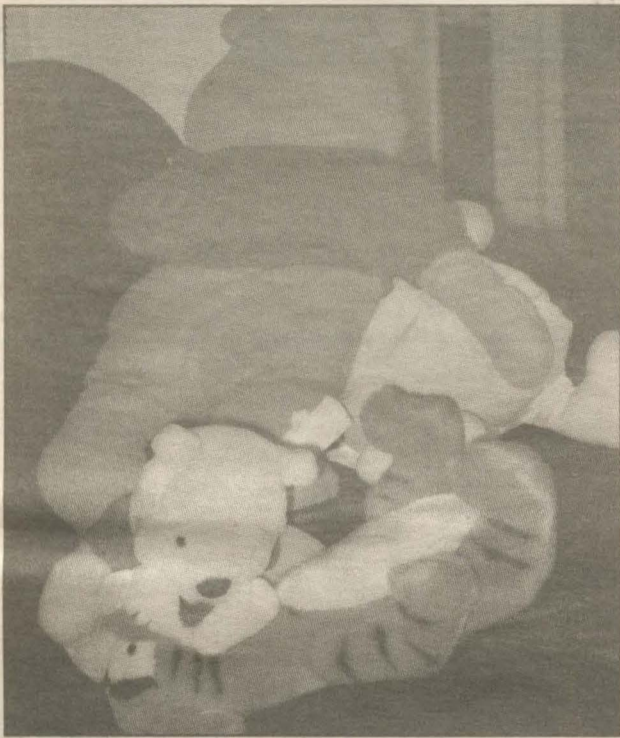
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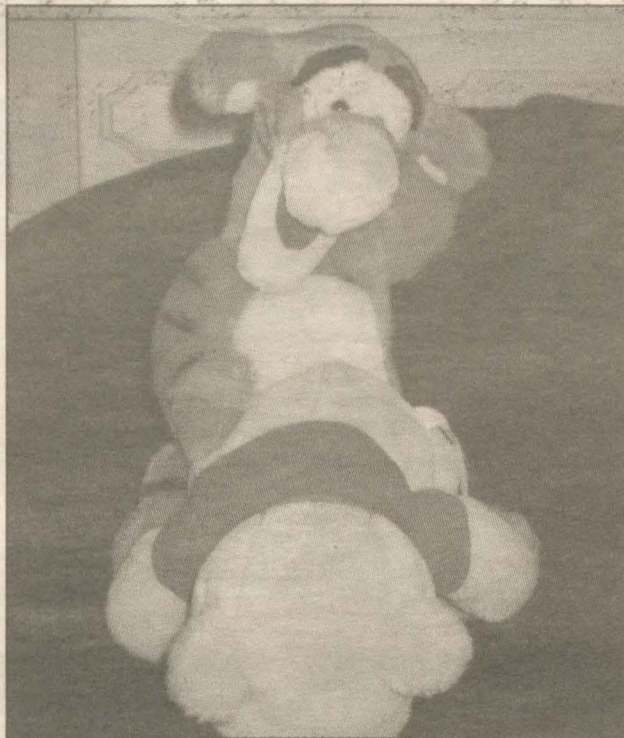
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## Winnie the Pooh and the Hundred Acre Wood, continued.



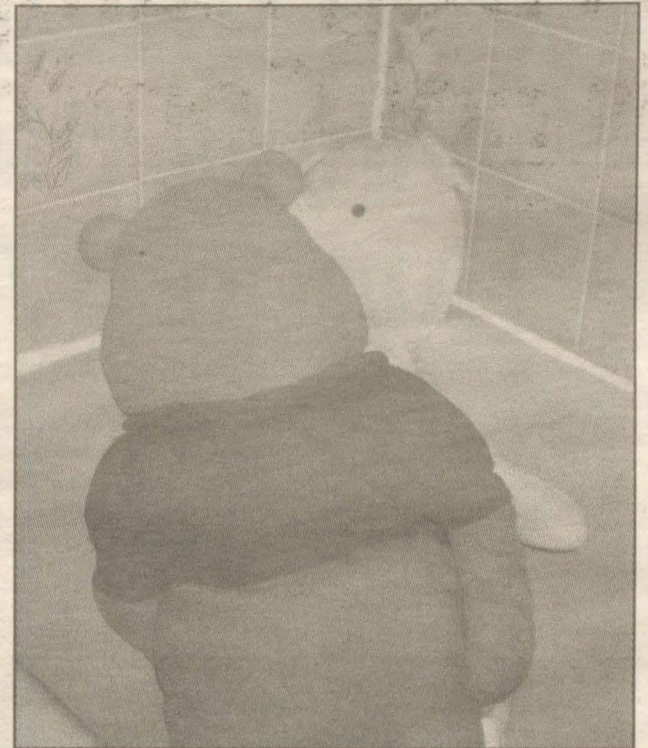
### Pooh For All

It's hardcore pooh-play time in The Wood. It's not called pooh-play for nothing, because Pooh is the master. We can again see the delicate hand placement of the couple in the rear. Pooh is in the driver's seat and shifting into fifth.



### Tigger Style (there's no doggie about this)

This is the classic rendition of doggie style transformed ever so slightly into "Tigger style." Pooh is having so much pleasure that his face is buried in the bed. Notice the strategic placement of Tigger's hand...one behind the head for relaxation, the other just slappin' that ass in true Tigger style.



### Good Clean Fun

Location is a key factor to heightening the poohd as well. Different places, particularly public places, really add excitement. A classic place, however, is the shower. Now do not do anything under water, as I am told this is very bad for fairytale creatures. Pooh shows how to use the side of the tub...and just give 'er.

Next week: An interview with the star of "Tickle My Privates Elmo."

# Memorable Sex Events in My Life

By: Chris Fedora, Editor-in-Chief

Seeing as this is the sex issue, I thought it might be fun to share some funny experiences I have had, throughout my life, involving sex. I am not the type of person to kiss and tell, so it won't be anything like that, ya pervs. Instead, I am going to tell of some situations I have been involved in where one could easily say sex was the main theme. So, sit back, read away, and feel free to laugh at my mishaps and adventures.

### 1. The Penis Festival



I was an exchange student in high school. Unlike most of the other students who went on exchange that year, I went pretty much as far away from home as I could get—Japan. I spent the year in a city, in the north of the country, about the same size as Halifax. Like any other city in Japan, it was both traditional and modern at the same time. People were incredibly friendly, food was delicious, karaoke was abundant and Penis Festivals were all the rage in March. That's right, every year in March, fertility festivals are abundant throughout this Asian gem.



The origin of this holiday dates back centuries, and was created in order to pray to the fertility gods so that husbands could plant fertile seeds in their wives. Now, I had been in the country for a while, but was unaware of the approaching festivities. It wasn't until one day when I was turning a corner downtown, and an eight-foot wooden penis nearly took my head off that I realized what was happening. There were wooden penises everywhere, and lots of straw men with huge woodies. These things were being carried by men women and children (the first time I saw a kid playing with one of the straw men, I was quite disturbed). There was lots of drinking, partying, singing and, of course, if there were any holiday made for getting laid, this would be it. What a great time. Ahhh memories.

### 2. Porn King

I have been to many conferences since entering engineering, and a lot of those were here in Atlantic Canada. However, the first big conference I went to was in Toronto, my first year in engineering. I shared a hotel room with a couple of guys from, at that time, TUNS. One day I was flipping through the channels while I was waiting to get into the shower, and low and behold, porn appeared in front of my eyes. It was there for about three seconds, and then disappeared. I tried frantically to get it back, with no success. What happened next, I would like to think was due to some knowledge I gained in engineering, but was in fact a complete accident. I played around with the little box on top of the television for a bit, and must have messed up the security system inside, because the porn came back, and it stayed. In fact, we then had four porn channels on the go. Worried that we might be getting charged for this, I checked our account. Once I was shown that nothing had been charged to our account, I proceeded to get a hold of everyone to let them know what had happened.

That night, our room was full of people, mostly guys, getting a kick out of what I'd done. After everyone cleared out and I was on my way to bed, I was about to turn the television off, but stopped. "What if the porn didn't come back?" So, it was at this time I made a decision that would later lead to some ridicule and embarrassment, but would mostly be good fuel for an anecdote. I left the TV on and muted the sound. This way, if I woke up at two or three in the morning, I would have the porn. The next few days, I did the same thing, and even left a note on the screen, letting the maids know not to turn the television off. I still don't know why they complied with my request, but sure enough, the porn was there every time I came back to my room.

Because of my dedication to the free porn, I acquired the nickname "Porn King" for about two or three years.

### 3. The Best Birthday Party Ever

For my 22nd birthday, I was living in Montreal, doing a work term at The Canadian Space Agency. I had made many friends, and for my birthday, they had decided to take me to a strip club. This would have been a good idea regardless of the occasion, but it turned out there was going to be a special presentation that night at this particular club.

We showed up, and proceeded to down extreme amounts of overpriced alcohol. After we had gotten thoroughly trashed, and yelled derogatory comments at the strippers, a voice came over the loudspeaker. It announced the upcoming special presentation of a special stripper.



Jody Fax was, at that time, a celebrity on the strip club circuit, apparently. She was hot as hell, and of course our table got right into the spirit of things. She did her act, and seemed to be really playing it up to our table, constantly looking for our approval on what to remove next. Once naked, she took a white T-shirt and dragged some poor schmuck on stage and laid him down on his back, draping the T-shirt over him. She then proceeded to paint herself up and then straddle this excited gentleman, ripped the T-shirt away and dropped down onto him.

The crowd went wild, and we went wilder. She then wiped the rest of the paint off every part of her body (and I mean every part). The loudspeaker came on again and asked who wanted to win this T-shirt the most. I nearly jumped on stage, yelling "mmmmmmmmmm!" The host came out and pointed at me, a short muscular guy and a huge whale of a guy. The three of us went up on stage and competed in a game show of sorts. One person was voted off the stage each round by the audience. The first task was to make the sound we make when we have sex. The first guy to go was the short guy, who let out little whimpers. The crowd boomed. The huge guy went next, and did pretty much the same thing. This time however, the crowd went wild. The mic was put in my face and I proceeded to slap the air in front of my crotch and yell every conceivable profanity I could think of. The crowd cheered. The little guy was gone.

The next task was to take Mrs. Fax and put her in our favorite sexual position and act it out with sound effects. The whale went first. She grabbed the pole and bent over, and he stood behind her, hands at his sides, sweating like a rapist on trial, and began to whimper. The crowd, realizing this was probably the closest he'd ever been to sex, cheered their faces off. Realizing I could be tossed, I tried to think of the raunchiest thing I could. I asked her to get on her knees, intending to fake a blowjob, but she got on all fours. Not about to argue about it, I got on my knees and slapped a hand on each cheek. The crowd seemed to be behind me on this effort, however once the mic was put to my mouth, it all fell apart. My mind went blank, and the only thing that came to my lips as I was gyrating a la Duffman, was "hummana hummana hummana". I was promptly booted off stage. It was one of the funniest moments in my life.



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## Winnie the Pooh and the Hundred Acre Wood

By: Christopher Robins and Dimitri Pysanky

**Warning: The following article contains graphic scenes of sexuality that may not be suitable for some readers. If you are suffering from a heart condition, are pregnant, have a bladder problem, are a child, become disillusioned easily, have no sense of humor or are Elizabeth Chiu, please read no further.**

One day in The Hundred Acre Wood, I came upon a curious bunch of individuals who looked to have just come off a week of binge drinking and hallucinogen sampling. They were quite easily impressed by my stating that I was a photographer from a highly regarded newspaper, and were more than eager to pose for a few pictures. Little did I know that my request would turn into one of the most disturbing acts of carnal pleasure I had ever seen. I

submit the following pictures to you in order to illustrate the way in which some of your favorite childhood heroes have gone downhill. I swear I only asked for a picture and an autograph, and the next thing I knew I was tail up in a rabbit hole, while a plush bear tried to ride my honey jar. The titles and descriptions were submitted by the individuals themselves, often referring to themselves in the third person.



**The Sweet Honey 69'er (a.k.a "The Non-Greedy")**

In this pic you notice that no one is selflessly doing all the work. Both "members" are equally putting forth an effort in return for simultaneous pleasure. Notice Pooh's grip around Piglet making sure the job is done right, that's my bear Pooh.



**When Two With Pooh Just Won't Doo**

Pooh is an explorer...that's why we love him, he is up for anything. You see Pooh comfortably wedged between Piglet and Tigger, and by the look of it, Tigger is loving it. This is for those times when you have a third wheel that you don't know what to do with. Have compassion and let him or her in on the enjoyment of the moment.



**Wonderful Thing About Tiggers**

As the title states, the wonderful thing about Tiggers is they like to bounce....so why not go with this? Now in this scene, Tigger is just bouncing around like there is no tomorrow. Note: the tail adds for extra leverage! There is one problem, though, when "making love" to a Care Bear, make sure you are out of sight of the Care Bear stare...cause when they get excited, look out! The last thing you want is a face full of heart as you're about to climax.



**Pooh-play**

Now, everyone knows that fairytale creatures like to skip Pooh-play (a.k.a foreplay) but it is important in its own right. Now this picture shows the basic one-hand throw down, and Mr. Potato Head's arm wanted in on the action. Pooh could not turn this down. See the smile?



**Tiggers Are Multi Taskers**

Tiggers don't climb trees, they just give really good hand-jobs. Again the third wheel comes into play. Tiggers are ambidextrous and have very powerful forearms. The Scouts are always talking about doing a good deed a day—well, Tiggers do two.



**Pooh-play (II)**

Again, we focus on the pooh-play, an integral part of the love making process. As you can see, making out on a leather couch and "fondling" are great starts to any sexual encounter. Notice Pooh's hand placement. Remember, correct form is key for arthritis protection.



**Pooh's Honey Hole**

Tiggers don't eat honey, but they eat some great ass. Tigger and Pooh use their mouths and their brains for this little trick. Tigger has more reach in the neck, and therefore takes the bottom. The two enjoy the leather couch for its easy post coital cleaning.



**The Hundred Acre Woods Express**

There's no shame in being the caboose of this little pleasure train. I mean everyone gets a piece of the action on this one. Even Piglet has his hands on a whole whack of nuts.



**Stairway to Heaven**

After a hard night of depressants and moonshine at Eeyore's just before it blew down for the 46th time, Pooh and Piglet return home and barely make it up the stairs. They just can't keep their paws off one another and just go for it. Now be careful, there are risks involved: one, you could fall, and two, carpet burn...dammit that hurts on your ass.