

Goodbye Snapshots



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The last bash of the Grawood brought out scary-type people as well as the regular beer-lovers. The place was still open at 2 a.m. and the Grawood beat the record for the SMU's Atlantic Bowl Bash.

sisted of direct quotes from her 1987 book *Webster's First Inter-galactic Wickedary*.

Thirteen of the 16 copies of the *Wickedary* on display outside the auditorium were sold.

Daly's word-play, re-pronunciations, and research into the original meanings of our vocabulary underscored women's need to create their own language.

The word 'mysterious', traditionally used in reference to women, means 'one who covers their eyes and mouth'. Daly made the connection by affecting a 'see no evil, speak no evil' pose.

And formerly positive words have become perjoratives in a world where men control meaning, the author said.

'Prude', for example, has fallen into disrepute. But 'prude' shares its roots with 'proud', meaning good, capable and brave.

Daly reclaims these labels, referring to herself as a marvelous, wonderful nag and shrew.

And she pointed out the absurd levels to which an Orwellian Doublespeak permeates the language. Words are separated into the redundant and the contradictory. Weapons are now referred to as weapons of war — a term Daly finds redundant — and weapons of peace, a phrase the professor finds repulsively contradictory.

Debate was stifled during the question period which followed, when Daly responded virulently to the first woman at the microphone.

Poet Audre Lourde has referred to Daly's vision of a world-wide 'Race' of women as ethnocentric. A letter published in 1979 was never responded to in print. A question about Daly's reaction to this criticism of her work was met with accusations of political muckraking. She refused to consider the possible racism in her work, saying the question had no relevance to her presentation on language.

Three quarters of her talk con-

In Halifax

89.5% said yes

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Survey coordinators

During the first week of March, twenty-five members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Navigators groups conducted a survey in Howe Hall and Shirreff Hall on religious belief as part of Christian Awareness Week. Two hundred and forty-six men and one hundred and seventy-two women completed the survey.

When the results are viewed according to sex, the women turn out to be more "religiously inclined" than the men for every question.

The results taken as a whole show a large interest in Christianity. Almost 90 per cent believe in God (a similar recent study at Leeds University in Britain gave only 58 per cent).

Over 80 per cent of respondents classify themselves as churchgoers, split roughly between Catholic and Protestant. Other denominations/religions represented included Seventh-Day Adventists, Evangelicals, Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Pentecostals, Brethren, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists, and Salvation Army.

1. Do you believe in God?	
89.5%	Yes
7.6%	No
2.9%	Don't know

2. Do you believe Jesus Christ existed?	
2.9%	Not sure
2.9%	No
94.2%	Yes

3. Who do you think he was?	
56.7%	Son of God
12.7%	"A good man"
10%	Teacher/prophet
12.4%	Don't know
8.2%	Other

4. Are you interested in learning more about the Christian faith?	
53.2%	No
42.1%	Yes
4.7%	Maybe

Nag-gnostic shrew

Nag-Gnostic philosopher Dr. Mary Daly sold 12 copies of her latest book last weekend. It's a number the professor at the Catholic Church-run Boston College considers lucky.

The audience wasn't quite so lucky.

Daly spoke at Mount Saint Vincent University last Friday. Her keynote address, titled *Be-Thinking, Be-Speaking, Be-Spelling: Rediscovering the Archimagical Powers of Women* marked the beginning of a two-day conference on **Language and Sex**.

Daly popped up from a chair in the first row of seats, took her

position behind the podium, and fumbled around with messy sheaves of paper. She carefully looked at the microphone, then announced, "You know how it is with these little phallic things — sometimes they work and sometimes they don't."

The audience laughed. A few recalled that those were the same 17 words Daly first spoke during her last visit to Halifax, in November 1984.

Daly mashed a year's worth of lecture notes into an hour-long presentation, making for a slightly disjointed and brief explanation of the importance of language.

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Pro-wimmin

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24th issue of the Gazette. As a man, I was outraged by the implication that these attitudes are shared by all men.



The general complaint of Mr. Lee and Mr. Babin was that the Gazette, in frequently printing stories dealing with wimmin's issues, ignores issues "that affect all of us at Dalhousie and in Halifax". I couldn't disagree more. Besides the fact that yes, women *do* account for half the population and are not a minority as this letter seemed to suggest, feminism is an issue which does affect all of us — everywhere. It is the realization that something is wrong in a world completely dominated by half of its population, and the struggle to change that world.

Feminism is a revolutionary cause, but the revolution is one

which must take place in the minds of people rather than on a battlefield. The main objective of feminists is that people realize

for themselves just how sexist the society in which we live is, and the only way to achieve that objective is to make the facts public, so that people will be logically drawn towards conclusions which will lead to change.

But people like Michael Lee and Paul Babin wish to stifle the voice of feminism, because its message is "biased", "rhetoric", and worst of all, "sexist". Unfortunately, feminist literature may often seem this way to people who have misunderstood its message, but it is because these opinions still exist that it must continue to be published. Do Mr. Lee and Mr. Babin think feminists enjoy uttering the same "rhetoric" over and over again? We would much rather see a time when our ideas were obvious and the mere thought of even bringing them up would be

quickly dismissed as unnecessary at best. But the fact is that the attitudes which oppose feminism still saturate the minds of the general public.

To say that feminism is sexist is to completely misunderstand it. The only reason it is called feminism is because females are the ones being mistreated. It is unfortunate that in our patriarchal society, wimmin's issues often come off seeming biased or conspicuous, simply because we are not used to treating wimmin as an important part of that society. But the only path to a peaceful, thinking generation of the future is to change the attitudes inherent in and at the base of patriarchy. I, for one, applaud the Dalhousie Gazette for its "women's issue". Keep up the good work!

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