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Dal student to be sentenced

by Jerry West

Ken Ross was found guilty of sexual assault this summer. The Dalhousie Law student was accused by a former fellow student.

The woman, whose name has been banned from publication, testified that she had met Ross at Dal, and had gone out with him once four years ago. They had then met again at the Misty Moon on Oct. 25 1991. They went back to Ross's apartment for drinks.

After they talked and joked for a while, the woman said Ross tried to

put his arm around her. She slid off the couch onto the floor in an attempt to avoid his grasp. Then, she said, he became violent.

"I thought I knew what this guy was like but I didn't," she said. "He was in a rage, he was totally out of control."

Ross hit her in the jaw then sat on her pelvis, she said, and tied her hands with a piece of cloth.

"I said 'do what you want with me, just don't hit me. Don't hurt me.'"

The cloth began to come loose, she

said, so he dragged her into another room by the shirt, pushed her down, and tied her hands above her head. She then passed out, and awoke with both of them naked from the waist down. Ross tried to force her to have oral sex, she said, and she turned her head away, so he hit her in the jaw again.

The next thing she remembers is him untying her hands.

"He told me it was all my fault. He told me I was a sick fuck."

She had trouble dressing because

she was sore, the woman said. Ross's parting remarks were "I hope I never have to see you regarding this, because if I do you'll regret it."

Ross, in his testimony, said that the woman had practically invited herself back to his place. She asked him to tie her up then began thrashing madly saying "do anything you want just don't hurt me."

He said he asked her to leave.

The jury took about three hours to return a guilty verdict. Sentencing is set for Sept. 17.

Make love, not Free Trade agreements

by Derek Hall

In a further announcement on the NAFTA today, Finance Minister Michael Wilson announced that love has been defined as an "unfair trade barrier" and will be phased out over the next ten years.

"Canada's system for allocating relationship capital is in serious crisis. We can't hide inside our protectionist trade barriers any longer. It's time to eliminate love and allow Canadians to compete globally for partners."

A press release from the Ministry of Finance explained that relationships need to be looked at from a market perspective. "In competition for partners, individuals have a variety of resources," said a financial official. "Intelligence, looks, age, money, a good sense of humour - all of these should be taken into account when choosing a mate. In a laissez-faire system, these factors and others would determine optimum partnerships. The invisible hand of the market would ensure maximum happiness for all.

"But love acts as a substantial barrier to relationship capital optimization. I'm sure you all know of couples which match an ugly, stupid, boring person with someone much more attractive and intelligent. What keeps these partnerships together? Love. Irrational emotional protectionism is getting in the way of the free market and making romantic capital highly immobile. Love is the bureaucratic centralism of relationships."

In questioning after a press conference today, Wilson confirmed that a tariff rate schedule for love has been determined. "In five years, we hope to reduce bonds to strong affection. In eight years it will be okay to 'like' your partner, but in

any emotional attachments after July 1, 2004 will be actionable under clause 69 of the NAFTA or failing that, under GATT."

Wilson identified children as another trade barrier. "I don't know how many times someone has told me that they're not going to get divorced for the sake of the children. It's ridiculous." Under NAFTA, the contracting out of children will be allowed, in order to reduce these pressures. When asked whether this will mean that chil-

dren will flow toward the lower wages and lax environmental standards of Mexico, Wilson replied, "remember, it's the high value-added children Canadians should be interested in. This is a high-wage economy and if low valued-added kids flow south, that merely represents competitive advantage. Free trade always benefits everyone.

"What's most exciting about NAFTA is its trilateral nature. I've come to think of the deal as a *ménage à trois*. We're hoping Chile

will join and make it a foursome."

In Canada, reaction to the NAFTA was swift. "We don't know what's in the deal yet, but you can be sure that we'll oppose it," said NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin at a quickly-convened press conference. "This is one more example of the Mulroney-Wilson corporate agenda that's ruining Canada." When questioned, McLaughlin declined further comment because "I'm still waiting for the memo from the damn Research Group."

Liberal Leader Jean Cretien also came out against the deal. "This is an outrage, a disgrace to the Canadian public. Mulroney should resign and let me take over - I've waited long enough." When asked if he would abrogate the deal, Cretien responded, "Well, we'd like to, but when we get into power, who knows? You know what they say about broken hearts never mending."



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