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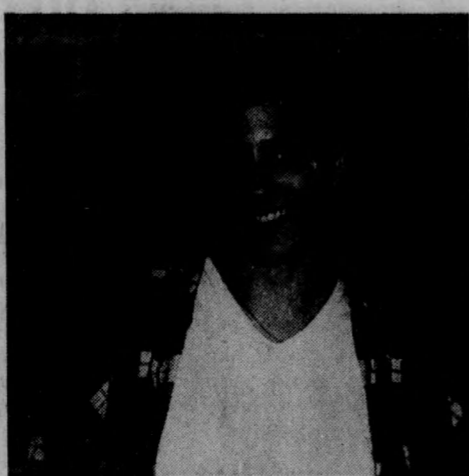
"...and I do have one"

## Do you feel safe on campus?

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LINDSAY McCLUSKEY  
BPE (1)  
"So far..."



JODI BELLIVEAU  
BBA (3)  
"Only when I'm packing heat."



PETREA TAYLOR  
BN (4)  
"Certainly not!"



MELISSA STEEVES  
CE (5)  
"Yes, but it depends on the situation I'm in."



ADAM SPRAGUE  
BBA (5)  
"When you are as big as I am, sure, I feel safe."



ANDRE POPADYNEC  
LAW (1)  
"Yes, but I come from Toronto, so..."



ZIPPO  
ARTS (3)  
"Every second Thursday."



SHANE O'CONNOR  
BBA (3)  
"The only time I feel safe is when I'm in drag..."

### SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE PROBLEMS...

Here's the problem: my best friend and I were working in the library on an essay (I know it's early), and I noticed that instead of using footnotes, she was copying stuff from books. I tried to tell her it was wrong, and now she is very angry and denies she did anything wrong. I don't want to lose a friend, so I didn't say anything but I'm really afraid that she'll get in big trouble if she gets caught. I'm almost tempted to turn her in. What do you think?

I didn't really expect to get a plagiarism letter this early in the year, but it is probably best that we get it over with. Plagiarism is bad. Plagiarism is wrong. It's cheating. Don't

do it. But who are we kidding - students copy all kinds of stuff out of books and other student's work every year, and some of them don't get caught. Good for them. But if they try to base their entire university career around it then they will be caught, and that's when the shit will really hit the fan. You can even get kicked out of university if you try to copy, for example, a novel by Charles Dickens and pass it off as your own. You should probably tell your friend that she is doing a very stupid thing as she will get caught sooner or later - tell her to read the section in the University Calendar entitled 'Academic Offences', and that should put the fear of god into her. But don't tell on her as that is kind of mean - try reasoning with her instead, and that way your friendship should come out of the whole thing relatively intact.

I'm getting really depressed lately, and my friend thinks I may be homesick. I've been away from home for a couple of years

and been back during the holidays so I figured I was over these kinds of feelings. What can I do?

Homesickness is a curious thing as some people seem completely immune to it, while others always seem to have pangs to go home; I suppose that it just depends on how well you fitted into your home environment. But if you do go home for the holidays, and you enjoy going home for the holidays then there is a good chance that you do still get homesick from time to time. Home is normally a safe place where you can shut out the outside world and escape from all your problems - some people can do that wherever they may be living while others need their childhood home and family around them to feel safe. Why not try taking a trip home and seeing if that makes any difference. Otherwise write back in a few weeks and we'll get through this by a process of elimination.

My roommate has a very large collection of pornographic magazines. This really doesn't bother me, as long as he keeps them out of sight during the day. The other day, my girlfriend saw a bunch of them and thinks that they are mine. She's pissed off, and I don't know what to do. It seems to me that there are two problems here, but the most important one to you is your girlfriend. She just doesn't seem to believe you, and that is not a good sign as trust is so important in any relationship. Have you given her any reason not to believe you in the past? If so then you probably can't blame her for being a little suspicious. But if this is an ongoing paranoia on her behalf then you really need to talk to her about it and try to sort things out. And as for your roommate - personally, I would tell him to keep his magazines out of sight during the evening too as he can probably do more damage during those hours.



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