

"What's the big deal?"

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To the editors,

Can you believe it! Two enterprising young Commerce students (re: Allison Hunt and Carolyn Meacher) decide to take some initiative and apply what they have learned. They establish their own company and the product they market is simply a calendar. The people they feature are Dalhousing students, (in everyday clothing), yes, those people you see studying in the library or eating in the Grawood. How can

a fellow Dal student say this is "sexual exploitation"? It is merely a creative way of publishing pictures similar to those seen in yearbooks, or class photographs. What is the big deal? Essentially what Rosemary Power is saying (re: "Clean Sex") is that anyone who poses in front of a camera and has their picture taken is a sex object. Untrue Rosemary. You have been misled.

Jane Everitt

Centre wants pageant cancelled

TORONTO (CUP) — After 15 years of women posing for display on a stage at the University of Waterloo, the school's women's centre thinks enough is enough.

The group has submitted a 1,350-name petition to university president Douglas Wright asking that the 16th annual Miss Oktoberfest beauty pageant not take place on campus this year.

The petition says that "Particularly in a time of promoting women's education in non-traditional fields, the beauty pageant undermines the aspirations of women attending this university."

The pageant is held in conjunction with Kitchener-

Waterloo's annual Oktoberfest celebration.

In a statement issued through his secretary, Wright said he is consulting others and that no decision has yet been made.

However, women's centre member Janet Bate said she has the impression from talking to Wright that the request will be turned down.

"They (the administration) are viewing it as censorship rather than as a chance to change social policy," she said.

Earlier this year, plans for a Vanier Cup beauty pageant were dropped when the idea failed to get enough support. The Vanier Cup, Canada's university football championship, is held in Toronto each year.



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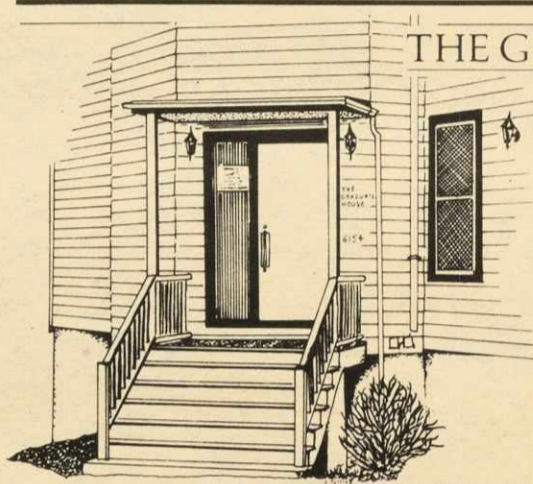
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