

ARTS & CULTURE

The joy of sex

'Sex with Sue' hits Halifax

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Female Anatomy 101, masturbation and chlamydia epidemics: what do these three have in common? We'll leave that one to Sue.

On Friday September 10th, the McInnis room was packed with students anxious to hear a lecture from Canada's unofficial sex guru, Sue Johansen.

Johansen's claim to fame is found in her notorious Sunday

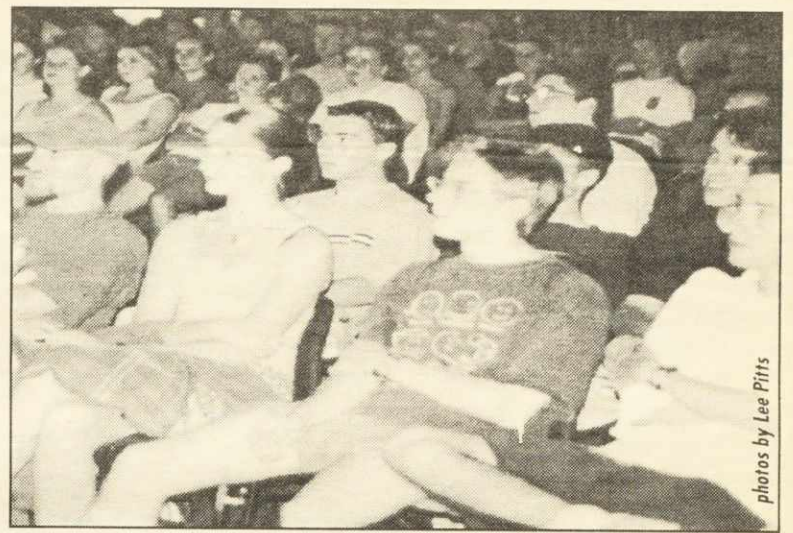
Night Sex Show, which began as a modest radio call-in program, but now holds down a late-night spot on the Women's Television Network. Apart from her televised duties of tackling Canada's stickiest sexual inquiries and reviewing the latest advances in sex toy technology, Johansen tours the country, speaking on the topic we all know too little about — sex.

Ms. Johansen kicked off the afternoon with a rant about the

sexual misinformation that results from a lack of emphasis on sexual education. She hammered bluntly through a barrage of topics that cause the average university student to blush when mentioned in casual conversation. The horrors of the first-time tampon insertion, crazy spontaneous erections, the myths of male masturbation, and to the delight of about half the audience, 1001 ways for women to "get off" while riding the subway — a list that includes the use of your teddy bear's arm bear and the wonderfully practical detachable shower-head. The session finishes with confidential Q&A from the audience, with questions ranging from lesbian relations to anal sex, and most points in between.

But this is not that awkward "chat" you have with your parents when you are thirteen years old, where all parties have their most solemn, serious faces plastered on. This mature, tiny woman is bouncing around the stage imitating ejaculation and other such sexual acts with vigor. This is not your regular education, this is a hilarious one-woman comedic act, that sends the audience collapsing into fits of laughter and applauding for more.

Even those well read on the subject of sexuality learned a



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Group sex: Sue's audience watch carefully.

thing or two, among them:

— 87% of women reach orgasm through clitoral stimulation rather than sexual intercourse.

— the female vagina can stretch up to five times in length and three times its width, thus enabling it to accommodate a penis of any shape and size.

— there are 500 million sperm stored in the testicles at all times, 100,000 on average of which are expelled during each ejaculation.

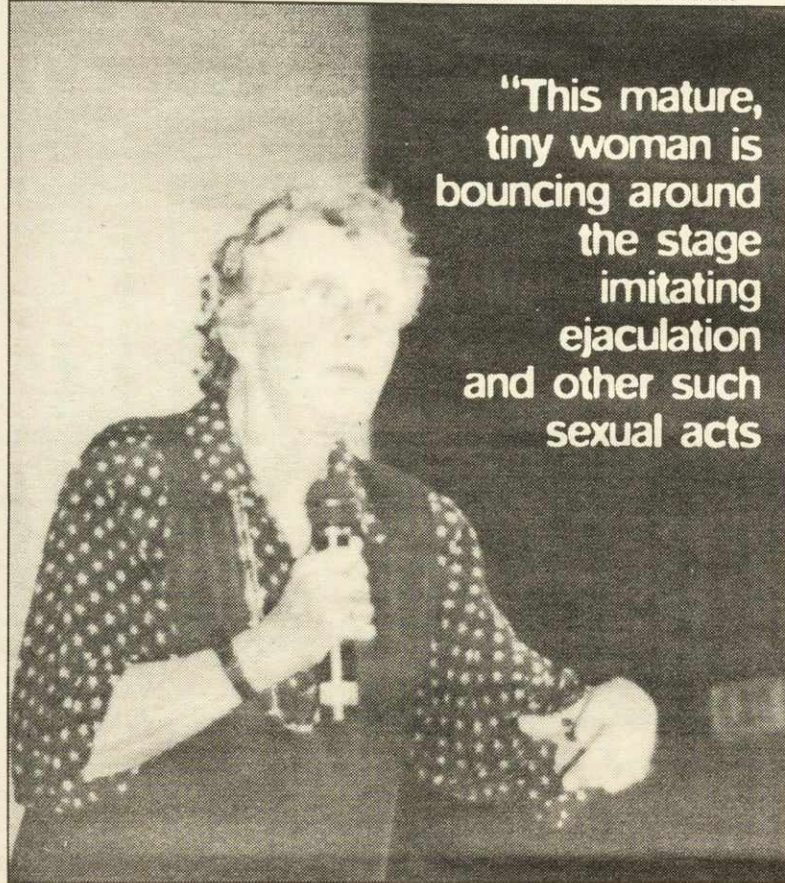
— chlamydia is currently a dangerous epidemic, which can cause sterility and may go undetected if you do not have regular examinations.

The Registered Nurse displays her mastery in the field of sex with her timely and witty

perceptions, which include comments like: "men need to tell women five things after sex before they are allowed to fall asleep: 'I want you, I need you, I love you, Baby you're the greatest, and I'll never leave you. 'ZZZZZZZ', and "studies have shown that 99 percent of men admit to masturbating and the other 1 percent are liars."

On a more serious note, Ms. Johansen is one of the best sexual education resources we have available in this country. She has the ability to tackle a delicate subject and present it in an entertaining but clear and informative way, demolishing any shame we have for being curious about the matter. The woman has an exceptional gift.

And damn, is she ever funny.



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