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I navigated the campus like a blimp, trying not to look pissed-off, and eventually giving up. Bumping into familiar people — usually a pleasure — became a chore and an embarrassment as I was hard pressed to exchange even the most simple platitudes. This was especially disturbing because I had never really thought about the number of banal greetings I utter in a day, or how socially important they are. I guess I'll take this opportunity to apologize to all the people who were exposed to my rudeness. Sorry.

Having given up on the outdoors, I found myself confined to my apartment with nothing to do but watch TV. "Nothing but watch TV!" you scream, outraged. Just wait, give me a chance to explain before you label me a freak. I know that for some of us watching TV is *everything*, but it's amazing how losing the ability to do other things can kill the enjoyment of TV.

So what do you do when you're sick and you've lost your taste for TV? I usually spend most of my time soliciting sympathy from anyone who will listen, but that's hard to do when everybody else you know is sick. It seemed like all of Halifax had the same stu-

pid flu which really sucked. If I'm going to be sick and in pain I don't want other people sick with me. I want them able-bodied so that they can bring me things and express their guilt for being healthy while I'm sick. When everyone else is sick the only sympathy I get is my own. But don't worry, to compensate I've really been wallowing.

Dal Health Services was probably inundated with flu victims, so I didn't even bother trying to see a doctor. I know the receptionist would have asked me if my condition was an emergency and I would have grudgingly admitted that it wasn't (but that it was pretty darn serious). They would have booked me an appointment the following week to see a doctor, who would prescribe antibiotics that wouldn't take effect for another week. All in all a useless process.

So I sat at home filling myself with a variety of absurd, home-made remedies that never seemed to help.

I'm a little better now, due to my strong belief in the power of the mind to cure illness. I think my own self-pity has helped a great deal, but my desire to be up and about so that I can once again enjoy sitting at home, watching TV, has sped my recovery more than modern medicine or home-remedies ever could.

# Take this job and...

## DSU Executive Review Committee Survey

Every year over \$68,000 of your Student Union fees pay for the salaries of the 5 members of the DSU executive. Exercise your rights as a member of the Dalhousie Student Union to assess the job performance of the president, executive vice-president, treasurer, vice-president academic/external, and vice-president community affairs.

Please complete the questionnaire below on any blank sheet(s) of paper and submit it to the info desk in the lobby of the Student Union Building. Simply fold the sheet(s) and address them to the Job Review Committee. If you wish to sign your name to your responses, you can, but it is not required.

1. What is most visible thing the DSU has done all year?
2. What, in your opinion, is the best thing the DSU has done for you this year?
3. What, in your opinion, is the worst thing the DSU has done for you this year?
4. If you were president of the DSU, what would you do differently, or what would be the first issue you would deal with?
5. What contact (accessibility) have you had with the executive?
6. Comment on the positive contributions of the executive members:
  - (a) Brad MacKay, president
  - (b) Katherine Hannah, executive vice-president
  - (c) Mike Murphy, treasurer
  - (d) Chris Lydon, vice-president academic/external
  - (e) Carman Barteaux, vice president community affairs
7. Comment on the negative contributions of the executive members:
  - (a) Brad MacKay, president
  - (b) Katherine Hannah, executive vice-president
  - (c) Mike Murphy, treasurer
  - (d) Chris Lydon, vice-president academic/external
  - (e) Carman Barteaux, vice-president community affairs
8. Additional comments and/or suggestions:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Remember, it's your money — so make sure it's being used properly!

If you wish to contact any of the DSU executive review committee members, they are:

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