

# Women's washrooms

So why is it that women's washrooms are always more disgusting than men's washrooms? Have you ever gone to the men's public washroom simply because the women's washroom was just too gross? An absolutely disgusting bathroom environment occurs in many places, including on campus. Periods are a fact of life. It won't change. The whole world is not about to go out and lobby for mandatory hysterectomies, so why don't we provide facilities to dispose of cast-off uterine lining collectors?

Tampons and pads can be found on the floors of many washrooms all over campus, including our SUB washrooms. Would it really be that expensive to install feminine hygiene waste receptors in each cubicle of the female bathrooms? I think not.

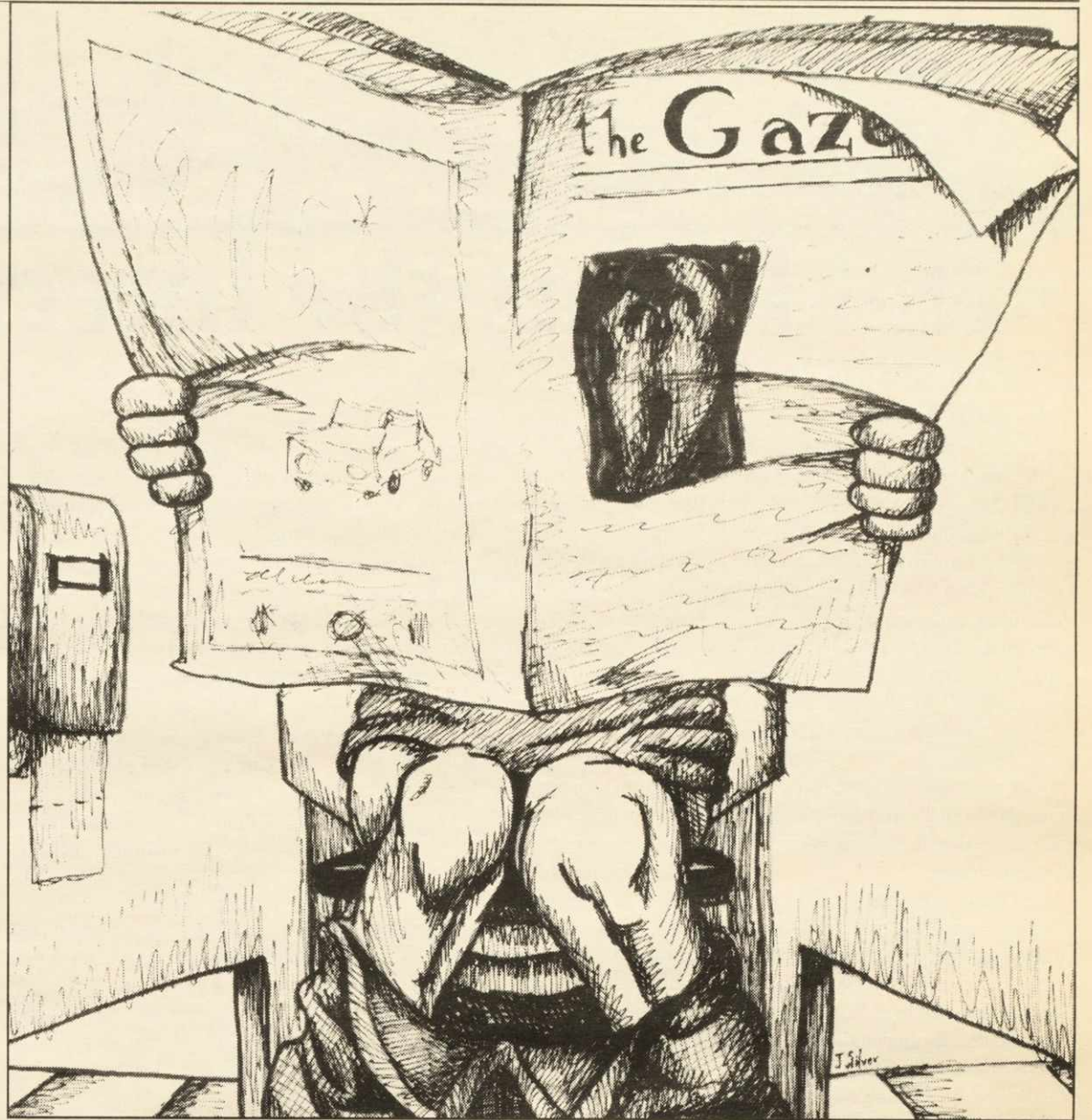
The problem goes beyond being just disgusting. Blood is considered a hazardous biological waste product, capable of transmitting diseases and collecting dangerous bacteria. I doubt that those cleaning the bathrooms have been properly trained to handle this material.

Once the unsanitary material has hit the floor no one wants to use that toilet anymore, so everyone ends up waiting in a line for a cubicle and

becomes late for class. Although there should be disposal units, there aren't. If we were all civilized individuals we would just throw the material in the garbage outside. It may be a little more embarrassing to carry that stuff out of the cubicle, but c'mon, it 's better than the alternative! A few other bathroom etiquette rules one might want to apply: It may not be safe to sit on the seat and so you squat and tinkle over the seat, well wipe it up, it doesn't belong there; and flush the toilet behind you, no one wants to see or smell it!

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