

# Porn purveyors push for men's centre

BY MUNROE MCLEAN

Responding to what they call an unnecessary backlash towards pornography, two *Playtoy* representatives are pushing the Dalhousie administration for the establishment of a campus men's centre.

Boo Kip and BS Sidesmith, who have represented *Playtoy* for the past year, say that fear of feminism has made the centre a necessity.

"Without it, where else can we read pornos in the safety of a private sanctuary," Kip said. "We're tired of having to hide in toilet stalls to get our jollies."

"And don't tell me to go home, either. I live a good five minutes away from campus, and sometimes a man can't wait that long."

Kip said the centre would act as a place for men to discuss things like reverse sexual discrimination, the latest episode of *Baywatch*, and which of the characters on TV's *The Golden Girls* they'd most prefer to "score with".

Cheery Maymenn, a Dal student, thinks the centre is a good idea, and also believes that it would help his academics.

"Before I do homework, I gotta relax," he said. "Y'know, I need a place where I can just sit back, pull off, and write an essay."

"It'd be therapeutic."

Some don't agree with the *Playtoy* Reps, however. Patsy Thomas, the head of the Dalhousie Women's Centre, says "those little perverted freaks ought to keep their pants up when they are on campus".

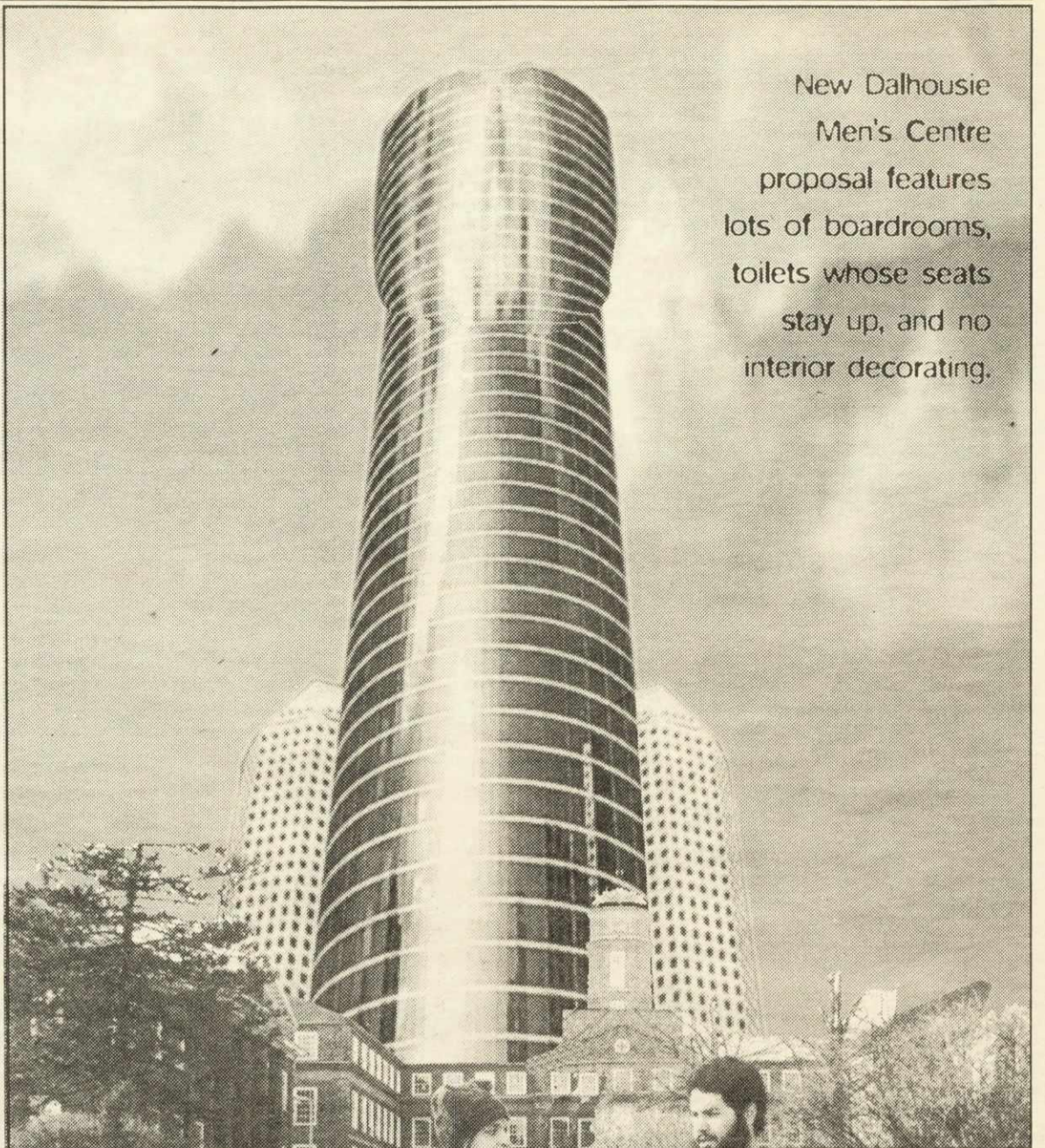
"Universities are a place of learning," said Thomas, "but not about one's own body."

But Kip and Sidesmith say that campus feminists have defamed them long enough, and wouldn't know good porn if it "walked up and pinched them on the ass".

"I'm tired of hearing all this crap from the [women's centre]," Kip said defiantly. "Especially after I offered them a guest appearance in *Playtoy's* latest movie, *Horny Feminists From the Arctic Circle*. That was a chance of a lifetime — an olive branch, if you will."

Even still, Sidesmith says all their female detractors are welcome at the centre, as long as they submit to mandatory measurements upon entrance.

"We can't have no uglies up in here."



New Dalhousie Men's Centre proposal features lots of boardrooms, toilets whose seats stay up, and no interior decorating.

# Profs shock Dal with shady past

BY ALAIN TOPP

As the *Playtoy* debate drones on, Dalhousie has learned that two people at the centre of the *Playtoy* opposition have had liaisons with the magazine in past years.

Dr. Candida Bonvie from the English department has recently been discovered as once being a *Playtoy* centrefold model in the early 1980s. And Dr. Terrence Hardaway from the Biology department was a model for *Playgrrl* in the late 1970s.

The information was brought to public attention by Dalhousie's *Playtoy* representatives, Boo Kip and BS Sidesmith. They say it was easy to find the pictures on the Internet, and have handed the photos out to their friends and those who ask for them.

Both Dr. Bonvie and Dr. Hardaway say they had good reasons to pose for the magazines. At the time, Dr. Hardaway was

completing his Ph.D. in molecular biology at Harvard University. He says he ran out of money to finish his thesis when he answered an ad in the local newspaper. The ad was looking for a young, intelligent male who was well endowed. Dr. Hardaway took it upon himself to answer the ad.

"I thought it would be a good and quick way to get some cash. I was desperate. Can you blame me?"

Dr. Bonvie has a similar explanation for her involvement as a model. In 1982, Bonvie was just starting her Masters at the University of California in Los Angeles. She too ran out of money not long after she arrived, and a classmate mentioned how much money was available at the nearby *Playtoy* mansion.

"I was only 22 and foolish. I didn't go there prepared, and I was from Red Deer. I'm sorry."

Dr. Hardaway's photo, dating

from 1978, has him lying on a red satin bed with a sheer red scarf draped over his waist. It was included in a photo series called "The Big Bang Theory".

Dr. Bonvie had a more prominent role in the magazine. She was a centrefold in the May 1983. She was pictured wearing rollerskates and rainbow legwarmers.

Both say they are ashamed by their foolishness in their youth, but say without posing they would not be in the positions they are today.

"If I didn't do it, there was no way I could go on in my education, and then I wouldn't be a professor. So it all evens out in the end," said Bonvie.

To explain her objections to *Playtoy* today, Bonvie says the magazine was classier in 1983. She says the magazine is nothing but a cheap rag now.

Dr. Hardaway says he is mortified his past was found out. He says he has not told anyone of his days as a model.

"Man, when my parents find out they'll flip."

The *Playtoy* reps say they no longer see their main opponents as threats. Kip says they are nothing more than hypocrites trying to repent a past they can't erase.

The women's centre on campus is behind the shamed professors. The director, Patsy Thomas, says the two made a mistake and are truly sorry.

"If they weren't sorry, then they wouldn't be speaking out against the magazine. We all do stupid things in our youth, especially when we need cash."

Since the pictures have gone public, both professors have continued teaching their classes and hope to put this behind them.

# DSU on the cutting block

BY BLANCHE COLLINGSGROVE

In the wake of problems with the recent elections, a revote that could have serious ramifications for the Dalhousie Student Union will take place.

For years apathy has plagued the student body and poor voter turnout has consistently marred elections. And with the revote, the union is debating on whether or not to dismantle itself next year.

Outgoing DSU president Ted Chainsaw says he sees no other viable option.

"Listen, no one cared about the first election, why would they care about a second?"

Chainsaw also pointed to the constant headache involved with trying to get people involved with DSU. He says efforts to attract people have failed and he thinks if the DSU was dismantled for a year people would realize what they're missing.

"Absence does make the heart grow fonder."

Fifth-year political science student George Little says this may be a good idea.

He just realized there was a student union here at Dal last month when a prof mentioned the elections in class. Little said over half the class either didn't know there was a DSU or what the leaders looked like.

"I was shocked," Little said. "I've been at Dal for five years now and I had absolutely no idea there was such a thing. I cannot believe it."

The candidates in the recent election said they would be disappointed in such a decision, especially if they had won, but see the point.

Chris Papoulidis ran for president in the elections and lost.



Ted "Buzz" Chainsaw: "Bzz, bzz, eh."

He says he's not bitter, but that those who called for a revote should get what they deserve.

"I lost and it's okay. I know I don't want to go through the whole elections process again. And I'm sure the students don't want to as well. Just bust up the union and start brand new next spring."

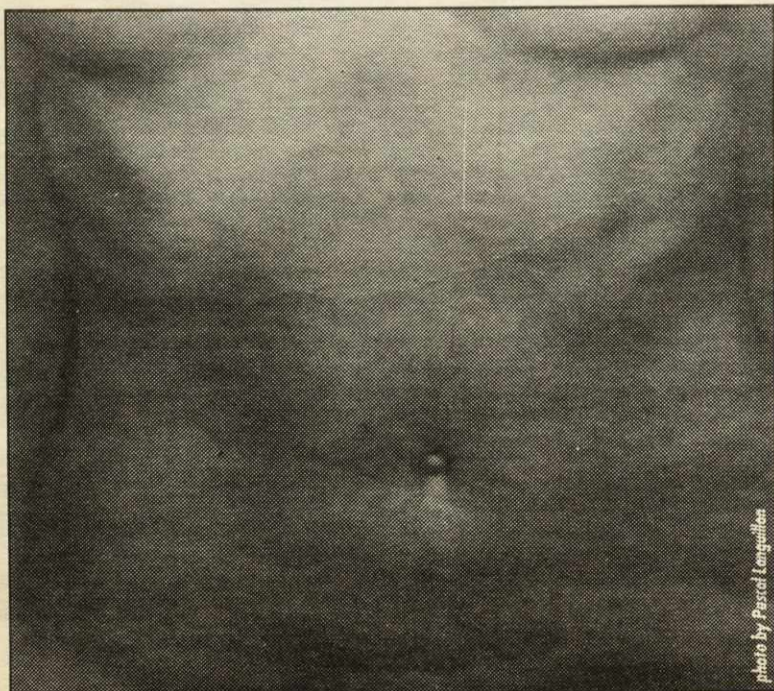
Legally, the student union can cease to exist for a short period of time. The DSU is allowed to remain inactive for 12 months, after which they must re-organize. If they fail to do so after a year they will lose all privileges that come with being the DSU.

University president Dom Travis says he "wouldn't give a fart in a mitt" if the DSU existed or not. He says the union does nothing for students.

"They're the most ineffectual group of losers I've ever met," Travis said.

"Think about it, they have no power at this university. I make all the decisions. I say what goes. It's me. It's me. It's all me!" he said, adding some loud, bellowing laughter while pressing the 'Thunder' setting on the keyboard in his office.

But Little says he will be saddened if the DSU breaks apart for a year. He's just recently found the SUB and is excited to actually go inside.



SKIN OF LANGUAGE: English professor Dr. Candida Bonvie in the early 80s.

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