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French Department, and the Dal administration would want to give Martine a hard time. 1) They want her to resign so that a man can have her position. 2) They simply don't like women. 3) They don't like children. 4) They don't like women who have children. 5) They are too stubborn, incompetent or stupid to handle the situation.

Whatever their reason is, I believe I have a solution. 1) Martine should be given a parking spot immediately, and if one is not available than President Clark or one of the Vice-Presidents should give up his reserved spot. 2) In future, when a pregnant woman needs to go on leave the head of the French Department should find her a replacement. If this is too burdensome for him, then he should resign. I'm sure there are plenty of women capable of handling this. 3) William Louche (Chair of the Parking and Security Committee) should be forced to carry a thirty-pound bag of sand tied around his waist while at work for the next nine months. Failure to do so should result in his replacement by a more sympathetic Chair.

J.R. Matthews

## Frosh sex info

To the editor:

Recently, a proposal was made to Dalhousie University, and the residences within the school, to offer a voluntary information session on the

subject of safe sex, date rape, unexpected pregnancy, and other issues concerning women and men of Dalhousie. The information would include film resources, textual information, counselling from staff of the Organization, and open forum discussion. All of this information was being offered to the school for free. Well, no wonder the school is so poor, as they rejected the voluntary assistance and resources offered to them for free. When speaking to a male head of residences and residence coordination the response was typical. Typical of a person co-opted into the bureaucratic hypocrisy of this school. His exact words were: "We think this would be repetitive information". Hmmm. I guess being raped, sexually assaulted and verbally assaulted is pretty repetitive, and being unexpectedly pregnant is repetitive. But I guess he wouldn't know. This information, that of safe sex, sexual assault, date rape, and pregnancy is covered by the residences in September, in Frosh Week, and it probably sounded pretty repetitive after 6 beer. That response was just an example of proverbial backwash used constantly at this university. I mean, who is "we"? I thought we was everyone, yet "everyone" at this university is the bureaucrats. These people are zigzagging in a maze of hypocrisy, getting constantly tongue-tied, and making big decisions about life on campus. Scary. I mean, at least make your lies sound good! Another over-used phrase that seems to spew out of people's mouths a lot these past months, as it must make them feel as though they are doing something productive, like meeting with a bunch

of suits: "We have talked to the board". My simple response to this is "Why don't you talk to the tuition payers, the victims, the single mothers, the sisters, the brothers. THE STUDENT".

Mad as hell

## Racists still suck

To the editor:

I'm writing to protest of the lame Sports Report by John Dancy on March 11, 1993. In this report Dancy states, "Bye-bye Ben, go back to Jamaica you disgrace..." I find this comment unnecessary and offensive! Comments such as Dancy's are implicit in hatred and allow the dismissing of Canada's problems as the concerns of other countries.

Charmaine Coke

## Dal cans panned

To the editor:

I was at TUNS on Saturday, March 6, attending the Multicultural Night organized by TISA, the TUNS International Students' Association. The food was great, the entertainment too, even the décor. What impressed me most, though, was the women's washroom. It was clean, graffiti-free, and there were working vending machines selling tampons, sanitary napkins and condoms. I thought, what bliss. I spent a little time just enjoying the place and vowed I would come back

soon. Sure enough, after another cup of punch, I did.

Mount Saint Vincent also has great washrooms, as might be expected. Dal does not. There are some interesting and vital graffiti in at least one stall in the Life Science Building, but there's also a lot of name-calling between feminists, lesbians and those who do not consider themselves as belonging to either category. I think that any woman who can use the words "slut", "whore", "cunt" and the like to describe another woman demeans sex and her gender and her body and herself. The same goes for men who use those words.

The thing that makes me angry like nothing else about Dal's washrooms are the tampons and pads left behind in the stalls by women who are too embarrassed to carry them to the trash. Do the people who leave them realize that another woman will have to clean up after you? Do you know that you are the one "acting like a man"? I know you feel embarrassed and ashamed, and a lot of dumb people and dumb magazines and dumb T.V. shows help you feel that way everyday about being a woman. But if you are intelligent enough to go to university, you are intelligent enough to keep it clean. To change enough to carry your trash to the trash.

I hated menstruating for about ten years, but now I'm glad of it, because it means I'm a woman. A friend of mine said once she liked menstruating because every month it made her think about love and death. I like it because it helps me remember I'm not all-powerful. My body does something uncontrollable once a month. Of

course, I also have pills called Anaproxin that alleviate the pain, but it is menstruating itself that relieves me the most. An old boyfriend of mine said he believed men also have monthly cycles in their sex drive. I was fascinated. He may have been wrong, but this idea helps me remember that menstruation, like the male ejaculation, is neither disgusting nor unspeakable, but rather something to be welcomed, and something I wouldn't be without.

Anna Quon

## Sexism revisited

To the editor:

This letter is written in response to "The Swimsuit Issue" in the Letters section of the March 11th edition of the Gazette.

I am also an avid sports fan, and I too was at the Dal/SMU men's basketball game at the Dalplex on March 3rd. Although disappointed by the outcome, I was by no means offended by the poster-displaying incident that seems to have disturbed Christine Cleghorn so much. Now, I'd just like to first say that I know the guys who exhibited the "incredibly insulting" poster, and I am male, but listen up Christine, for I can reason, unlike yourself.

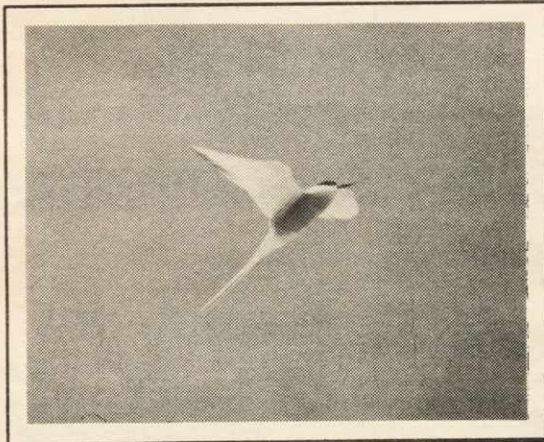
Maybe you should get a new prescription, because what you saw in the poster is clearly not the case. I do not objectify women, and neither do the

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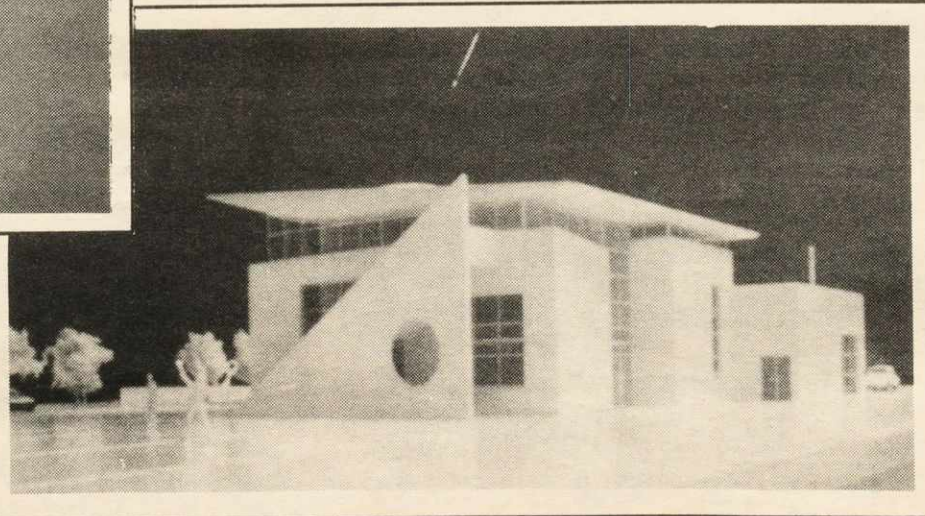
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