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For straight folks who don't mind gays but wish they weren't blatant

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You know, some people have a lot of nerve, sometimes I don't believe some of the things I see and hear.

Have you met the woman who's shocked by two women kissing, and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant?

But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the straight couple sits next to you in a movie, and you can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects.

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And the woman in your office spends your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them.

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Or the hip chick in your class rattling a mile a minute about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend.

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You go in a public bathroom, and all over the walls there's John loves Mary, Janice digs Richard, Mark loves Delores, etc.

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Or you go to an amusement park, and there's a tunnel of love, and pictures of straights painted on the front, and grinning couples going in and out.

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Fact is, blatant heterosexuals are all over the place: supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books, on television every day and night, even in gay bars.

And they want gay men and women to go hide in the closet.

So to you straight folks I say:

Sure I'll go, if you go too,

but I'm polite, so after you.

Penguin lust blooms at Gazette

DO YOU SUPPORT PENGUIN

lust? At *The Gazette* we disagree with those who argue that penguin lust is immoral, indecent and tacky. We feel penguins have just as much right to lust as every

other species. Penguin lust will become an important issue in the upcoming Dalhousie Student Union elections. Work out your position on this burning issue now. At *The Gazette*, we're voting for Opus.



THE DEADLINE FOR LET-
to the editor is noon, Monday
before publication. Letters must
be signed and include a telephone
number where the author can be
reached (although telephone
numbers will not be printed with
the letters). Letters are subject to
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mar and spelling and libel. Let-
ters can be dropped off at the SUB
enquiry desk, mailed to our
address (see page 2), or brought
up to the *Gazette* offices, third
floor, SUB.

Why CFS?

RECENTLY CFS CHAIR
Beth Olley said that the organiza-
tion's services would not be
affected by the pull-out of the
University of Alberta (and
\$80,000) from the organization.

Prior to the founding of CFS
the services used to be more or less
offered for nothing by the Associa-
tion of Student Councils. They
can afford to do that since the ser-
vices are essentially commercial
enterprises in themselves.

If all members pulled them-
selves and their money out, the
services of CFS would continue,
albeit probably under another
name. CUTS is not going to fold
if CFS dies.

So the question remains — why
CFS at all?

Referendum gives council time to address other issues

AS THIS EDITORIAL IS
being written, students are voting
across campus on the proposed
tuition deal between Dalhousie
students and the university's
administration.

Last week we outlined some of
the advantages to students if the
referendum is passed—here's
another. If the referendum passes
the student union will be freed
from its annual battle with
administration over tuition fee
increases.

This will give council time to
pursue other issues on campus,
like:

- working with other student unions, government, and admin-
istration to come up with a crea-
tive solution to the housing crisis
in Halifax—co-op housing, joint
residences, are but two answers.
- lobbying government to create
more summer jobs for students.
Projects on campus, like hous-
ing, could employ students dur-
ing the summer.
- creating space and funding on
campus for a women's centre, a
place for women to relax, read
and meet each other. The centre

could bring in speakers, develop a
library and be a place for
women's groups to meet.

- helping other student unions in
Nova Scotia and across Canada
achieve similar deals with their
administrations.

- meet with students to decide
how our \$75 million contribu-
tion to the university will be
spent.

There's lots of work to be done
and ending the months long
negotiations over tuition
increases will give the student
union time to pursue these and
other goals. These ideas aren't
new—they've been on council's
list of priorities for years. Argu-
ments and strategies over fees
have taken up most of their time
though.

Students should give council
direction about where this extra
time and energy should be spent.

One question we'd ask candi-
dates in the upcoming DSU elec-
tions is, "What will you be doing
to help students next spring?"

The all-nighter blues

IT WAS 5PM ON THE 15TH
of February. The paper was due at
9AM the following morning. It
was time for a drastic measure...It
was a time for ...



KIM MACLEOD

AN ALL NIGHTER!!!

- 5:10 - I begin.
- 5:15 - I give up. It's too early for
the panic to settle in and just
early enough for reruns of "I
Love Lucy"
- 6:00 - resume work
- 6:30 - stop work and start calling
friends in search of massive
amounts of sympathy.
- 8:30 - (it was a major sympathy
break). Organize thoughts as
only I can (i.e. plagerize like
crazy)
- 9:30 - it's order out time. Stop
work and spend awhile letting
my fingers do the walking
through the fast food takeouts
in search of a quick grease fix.
- 11:00 - Put on something comfy.
Give myself a facial. Do nails.
Read a 6 month old edition of
People. (This is all part of
UNWINDING - an imperative
mood setting procedure)
- 12:00 - Panic like hell. It's the
16th of February and there is no

paper. Time for some intense
caffeine consumption — Break
out the Nescafe.

1:00 - Forget the outline. Forget
the books. Type straight from
the head to the page often
skipping the former.

2:00 - the coffee has its usual effect
—I begin to doze off. Set the
alarm for 5 and take a nap.

7:30 - awoken to the sight of sun-
light peeping through the
curtains. Allot five to ten
minutes to jumping around
the house in a T-shirt and
underpants screaming obsceni-
ties at the plants.

7:40 - type like a madman
8:55 - race out of the house like a
dog in pursuit of the milkman.

8:57 - congratulations are in
order. The paper is on time.
Life can continue as you know
it. I breathe a hearty sigh.

10:00 - on the way home from
class buy some paper. After all,
it is February 16th. The next
paper is due on February 17th.