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This issue is dedicated to:
Kelly Johnston. She made a lot of editors happy.

Men Against Sexual Aggression

A little advice

by Angela Bedor

It comes as no surprise that statistics are showing an increase in sexual assault victims. But it is because there are more vicious creatures who prey on women, or are women more outspoken on sexual assault?

I will admit that it seems much easier to hide behind your pride, push it to the back of your mind, and pretend that it never happened. But what happens if the next victim is your best friend, your sister, or even your neighbour? Would this make you think twice? Don't let it get that far.

Sexual violence is any act or omission of any act that harms you physically or emotionally in a sexual way. It is any sexual activity that goes against your will. Sexual violence negatively impacts on a person's sexual health and well-being.

I am not writing this article to feed you statistics, I am writing this article to keep you informed. Every day an act of sexual violence occurs and every day an excuse is made to cover up the blame. "Look at that outfit and tell me you didn't want it." Heard that line before? Then you're not alone, as it is probably the most common line used among sexual aggressors of young adulthood. Consent does not come from a piece of clothing, nor does it come from an empty liquor bottle.

Many students are still ignoring the pictures painted in black and white. Unwanted sex is in your community, university and probably in your residence. One voice may seem silent, but a crowd can be heard loud and clear.

You have heard it all before, but are you really listening? This is your time to live and it is your time to have fun, but it is also your time to take the opportunity to be noticed.

It is your time to make a significant difference.

You have something to say. Say it. Do it. Be heard.

Rabble's selection of articles is top-notch

by Ben McFarlane

Shortly after the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City I was shown a video of the event from a protester's-eye view. It wasn't pretty.

Regardless of what anyone is going to say about the Summit in Quebec, it would be clear to anyone after seeing the protestor videos that there are clearly two distinct and contradictory versions of the story: that of popular media, and that of the protestors. Rabble.ca was formed in 2001 just in advance of the Summit, and their attitude toward news is not unlike that of the camera-toting masses that protested that year in Quebec. Edited by Sharon Fraser, and published by Judy Rebick, the author of the well-known *Imagine Democracy*, Rabble.ca is Canada's answer to the potentially homogenizing effect of mainstream media.

Journalistic Bias: Rabble is a mostly Socialist site that focuses on social and moral justice and injustice. Rabble's focus is on positive social change and

the protection of individual freedom and happiness by any means necessary.

Quality of Content: It's outstanding. Most good alternative media sources usually offer judicious criticism of their chosen antagonists whether they are government organizations, corporations or right-wing political parties. Usually the criticism amounts to pointing out error. Although Rabble excels at this, it also excels at giving credit where it is due and for this we must be grateful.

While lots of alternative media is fixated on the failures of the current system of government and legislation, Rabble is not afraid to acknowledge its victories. Thus, not only positive action taken by protestors is covered here, but also positive action taken by Parliament, the Supreme Court and the House of Commons, etc... gets Rabble's seal of approval.

Much of Rabble's news content is taken from other news sites, but the quality of their selections is top-notch. Leaving the popular headlines to other news agencies, Rabble takes the very best of limelight journalism of popular news sites and places it front and centre on their own stage.

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Rabble.ca is Canada's alternative voice

The screenshot shows the rabble.ca homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: home, rabble news, rabble rousers, about us, rabble, join the rabble, columnists, babble, auntie.com, what's up, in cahoots. Below this is a 'new rabble' section with a 'Keep us going' message: 'Two million times this month, a rabble page will appear on a screen somewhere. Yes, since we launched in April 2001, you've made rabble a resounding success story. Nevertheless, we are struggling financially. By donating today, you can keep rabble alive and thriving. But if too many of you turn away, the screen will soon fade to black. >by rabble staff >rabble news >story link'. There's also a 'Free ideas aren't always free.' section. At the bottom, there's a 'rabble news' section with a date 'October 6, 2003' and a headline 'After the Common Sense Revolution'. Below that, it says 'The Liberals have no intention of reversing the Tory cuts to health care, education and utilities which set them firmly on track to privatization. At best, they will continue on this path at a slower and less arrogant pace than the Tories. >by Justin Podur >full story'. There's also a 'rabble rousers - in cahoots' section with a date 'October 6, 2003' and a link 'www.rabble.ca'.

Staff, from all over the country, are incisive and provocative.

This is a valuable service given the amount of news sites on the web. Rabble's own writers do a good job

Battle of the Brews

Is Starbucks worth two bucks?

Don't waste your money on this crap

by Dave Evans & Bruce Hamilton

For those of you who do not know exactly what "Battle of The Brews" is all about, it is a coffee critique on the best and worst of Fredericton's brews. Bruce and Dave have taken it upon themselves to engage in an all-out blitzkrieg against Fredericton's coffee shops, and their self-esteem.

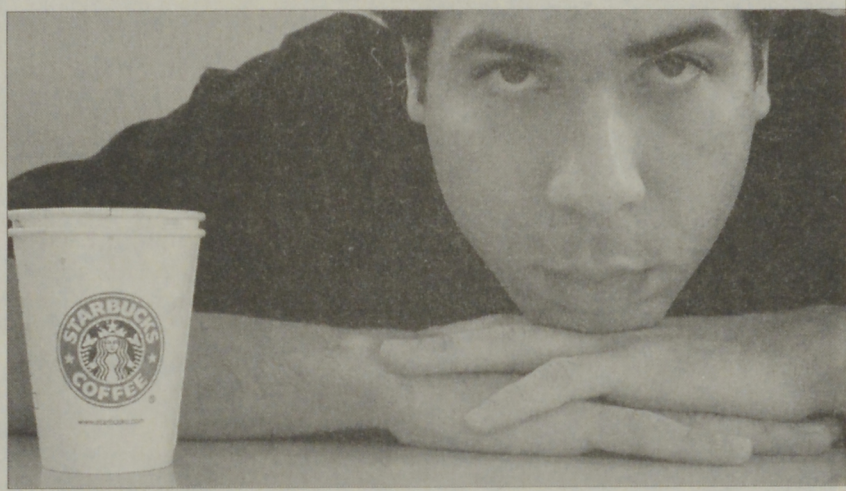
This week, Bruce and Dave took the time to investigate the flesh-eating virus of the coffee industry. That's right, the infamous coffee corporation of Starbucks! They have everything from a tall-sized small to their fine mocha-frappa-lappa-ding-dong, but is their plain old joe good enough for a plain old shmoe? Well, that's just what Bruce and Dave aim to discover it for you. Here's what they had to say...

Bruce: Starbucks presented a very relaxed atmosphere, considering the fact that it lies in the heart of the hustle and bustle of the Regent Mall. I also enjoy the large sofa and the option to play chess, and I used the option to give Dave a rather good thumping. It made me feel like I was an upper-class businessman with its complicated menu of coffee-related products and high prices. Unfortunately, I am not an upper-class businessman. I am a student who can barely afford real shoes, so I personally would rather not pay \$1.55 for a small, mediocre brew (or should I say, "tall"). After trying the light and dark variations of "the coffee of the day," I realized that the coffee was no better than that which can be found at your average Tim Horton's. Both tastes were good, but not worth two dollars. I enjoyed how they were equipped with different strengths of coffee to satisfy those who require a certain fix, but to get your fix at Starbucks is to be a richer man than I. Also, I noticed a rather strong aftertaste to the coffee.

By all means, if you plan on watching a movie at the Empire Theatres next door, you should go to Starbucks, but I recommend buying some kind of fancy pants drink rather than the coffee. I raise one thumb in the air for Starbucks, and hope that they don't charge me an extra fifty cents for it.

Dave: I bought myself a tall, mild coffee of the day at Starbucks. For the price of this small coffee I could have bought myself an extra large at Tim Horton's, and you know what? Tim's probably would have tasted better.

Don't get me wrong, the plain coffee at Starbucks wasn't horrible, but it wasn't nearly as good as the rest of the specialty drinks they offer to the public. While the general taste was acceptable, I didn't believe it was a very smooth coffee, nor did I like the slight bitter aftertaste left in my mouth as I drank it. Yes, I realize that it was just plain old coffee I was drinking, not one of their mochafrappalappachino's (or whatever they call them), but I would have expected a higher caliber drink from such a respected coffee magnate. In defense of Starbucks, I

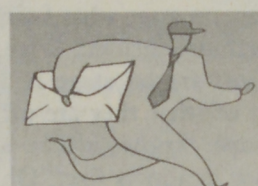


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enjoy the ambience in their store. However, I was quite annoyed that neither Bruce nor I could concentrate on our chess game because of one boisterous discussion group ranting about God knows what. I give the plain, regular old coffee at Starbucks

one thumb up.

Well, it looks like Starbucks' coffee was so-so and Bruce and Dave's money was a no-show. Be sure to look next week for "Battle of the Brews," and see the jousting of the joe clash one more time.



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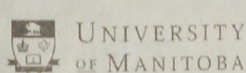
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