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Meg Folkins desperately tries to connect to the internet, clearly to no avail. Many students have experienced internet connection, equipment, and service issues so far this year.

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internet access right away, but Aliant ran out of time and left some of the dorms unfinished.

"It's rude to go to other people's rooms to use the internet, they have work to do as well," says Johnson. As of last week, four to five students still didn't have access to the internet in Johnson and Knox's wing alone.

The internet issue has become a problem for Harrington Hall, and Residence Coordinator Shantel Kenny has done all she can. Computer issues are not part of her or her team's responsibilities. Aliant are the ones in charge, and all the proctors can do is reassure the students that help is on the way. The issue has become a hassle for many of them, because students get frustrated with the situation and vent to the Residence Life staff.

As of last week, roughly ten students were still missing parts or software that will connect them to the rest of the world.

Student Affairs is aware of the situation and has been trying to find a solution.

"As of September 23, all of the missing equipment has been sent to the people who are still missing internet," says Jane McGinn,

Director of Student Affairs. All the equipment should be up and running by Monday, September 25, three weeks after school started and students moved in.

"It's tricky equipment...trying to track it is complicated. Having so many residence rooms that need individual technical assistance is hard to manage," says McGinn. According to Student Affairs, the issue is a logistical problem. Their main concern is how to prevent this issue from happening all over again, although it has consistently been a problem for the last few years.

"We're meeting already and are starting to develop a general plan to limit this issue," says McGinn. Refund issues will be dealt with as soon as the internet has been fixed and installed, so there is hope for students to at least get some of their money back, since they have been paying for a service they didn't receive.

"We've hired a student to install the internet using Aliant parts," says McGinn, "our goal is to make it [the internet] perfect for all students. When we're aware of problems, we are working on getting them fixed as soon as possible."

Suspended McGill football players accused of humiliation, abuse

University launches investigation into allegations, recommends tighter restrictions on initiations

by Josh Ginsberg and Erika Meere
The McGill Daily (McGill University)

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Almost a month after six McGill University football players were suspended for hazing-related issues, a former rookie is claiming he was sexually assaulted by members of the university's Redmen football team.

In an email message obtained by the McGill Daily, the student detailed scenes of abuse that drove him to withdraw from McGill. The former rookie, who for purposes of anonymity will be referred to as Nathan, declined a telephone interview.

The alleged incident began on Aug. 27, during "rookie initiation night" for the football team and ended in a dark squash court in an athletics complex where most of the abuse was alleged to have taken place.

According to Nathan, team members taunted the rookies with a broomstick, which they held aloft as they chanted, "broom, broom, broom."

"All the rookies were gathered outside... They told us to take off our shirts and partner up and hold hands. They told us to skip and sing while we traveled to the stadium. They were calling us 'pansies, queers, and fairies,'" reads the email.

They were then told to stand in front of the team and cover their faces.

"The veterans in the stands threw pilates balls and other sports balls at us. One of the balls chipped my tooth. I said, 'I chipped my tooth.'" Nathan wrote that he was then told by a member of the football team that he should get used to it.

According to a press release from the university, one of the implicated players has been suspended from the team indefinitely, and five others received a one-game suspension.

Director of Athletics Derek Drummond, who started in that position only three weeks ago, spent much of Tuesday evening meeting with the team as a group and with members individually to help them manage the fallout from the allegations.

"If I can describe the mood on the team right now in one word, it would be that they're extremely frustrated," he said.

Drummond said that although he was shocked by the severity of the abuse, the department is aware that initiation activities do happen on many of the teams.

Asked where the department draws the line on the harshness of initiation, Drummond said that they have a zero-tolerance policy for anything that degrades someone else.

"We also insist that we know what is going to happen and that there be a coach present," he said.

According to Nathan's statement, there was no coach present when the harassment escalated.

"We were told to take our pants off. I replied no," he wrote.

He said a linebacker then took him to the back of the squash court and held a penny against the wall. "[He told me to] hold it with my nose.... I felt pilates balls hit the wall on either side of me."

The linebacker in question would not say who gave him the direction, and later insisted it was his own choice not to speak.

Nathan said he acquiesced to the demand to drop his pants, and was then placed in a kneeling position by an unidentified team member.

According to Nathan, a team member shoved a rope chew-toy in his mouth and told him to bite it.

"Then they poked each cheek of my buttocks as the audience

counted down and then poked the stick between my cheeks and hit my anus," continued Nathan.

"I got up, spat on the floor, threw the chew toy at the crowd, and left."

The university has launched an investigation into Nathan's allegations. According to a McGill press release, an interim report on the investigation recommends that "the university's existing anti-hazing policies be strengthened, and that measures be implemented to ensure that team-building at McGill is based on positive activities that do not involve any inappropriate or disrespectful behaviour."

Drummond said that the Department of Athletics will also make a greater effort to enforce current rules, and to increase the level of communication with coaches and athletes.

Drummond hopes "they [the team] can concentrate on football again... We need a win," he said.

Ben Lowry, who was on the varsity football team three years ago, said his initiation consisted of making up skits and jokes that mocked veteran players. If the players determined that a joke was not funny, the player who made it up would be hit - gently, said Lowry - on his buttocks with a racket.

"There was nothing really degrading about it," he said.

But according to Emily Kagan, a lacrosse player in her first season and a first-year Geography student, initiations on women's teams tend to be tamer.

Kagan said her team was shocked by Nathan's allegations,

"I think it's completely ridiculous," she said. "It has to be completely embarrassing for everyone involved."

News Listings

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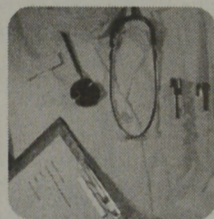
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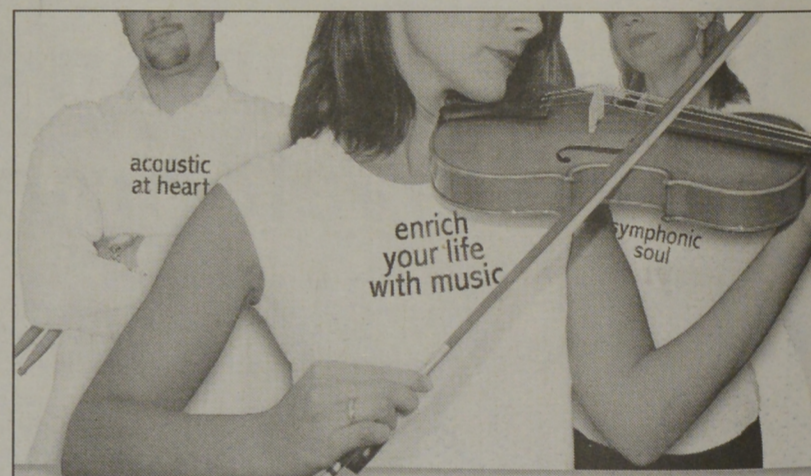
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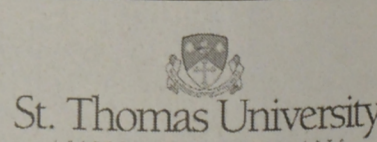
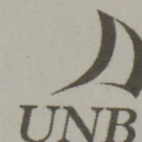
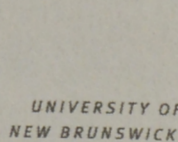
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