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Mice in McConnell Hall...

Dear Editor:

I am a fifth year student at the University of New Brunswick, currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Education program. In all my years on this campus I have always felt a certain pride for our university. We have a beautiful campus, nationally acclaimed programs, successful professors and an international company who have made it their business to provide excellent food to the students on this campus. I would like to take the time now, however, to inform you of a situation that has been taking place at McConnell Hall for several months now. The main food hall on campus which much of the student body frequents has been infested with mice. The urine and feces line the floors under the counter tops on which the food is prepared. It is a wonder that the students haven't questioned the smell while waiting in line for their omelets or stir-fries. The sad part of this story, is that management is fully aware of the problem and are refusing to spend the money to properly find a solution.

I find this to be revolting and would encourage the student body to raise their voices in protest. It is my understanding that the mice are getting into the deserts at night by chewing holes in their wrappings. In the mornings, Sodexo management simply changes the linings

and continue to use the wooden baskets. Is this sanitary? Upon inspection, it is evident that the mice have now tunneled their way into the walk-in fridge and are beginning to feast on the food in their as well.

I would ask that students consider how much they are paying for their meals, only to have to share them with the mice. For those students who are not living on residence, or eating the food at McConnell Hall, please consider your tuition money. In one way or another, some of that money would be going towards Sodexo. Or perhaps you grab a burger at Selona Grill in the Student Union Building. Can we be assured that this infestation has been contained to this one building on campus? It would also be helpful to consider some of the health hazards that go along with sharing company with rodents. While the average student spends an hour or two in the meal hall, many of the staff working in McConnell Hall have been complaining about the smell and symptoms associated with breathing in the toxicity of mouse urine. The Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) is potentially deadly and immediate intensive care treatment is essential once symptoms appear. The disease begins as a flu-like illness characterized by fever, chills, and muscle aches. The virus is

spread to humans through inhalation of aerosolized mouse droppings, urine, or saliva, or through broken skin or conjunctivae (around the eye). I know that I have also heard complaints, coming from the doors of McConnell Hall of nausea, diarrhea, burning or stinging eyes and have seen a pallor on more than a couple of faces.

I have personally contacted the Department of Public Safety and was assured that the problem would be dealt with. Not only was there evidence of mice on the premises, but mould was found in the area where the plates are cleaned. They were given a week to solve the problem, but upon the inspectors return, the walls had been bleached and traps had been laid out. The health inspector can only evaluate what he sees. While bleach will temporarily hide the mould and traps will kill the mice that are in the immediate vicinity, it is not a permanent solution. Though I will continue my communication with them as well, I believe that much can be done internally, from here on campus if awareness is raised.

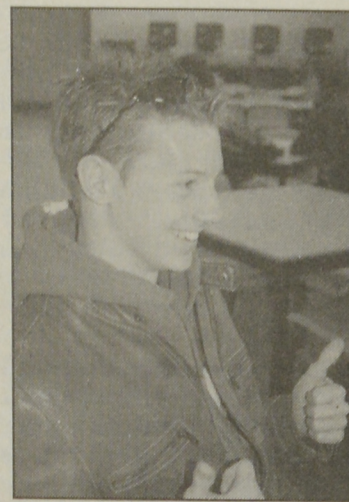
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Sincerely,

Melissa Dockrill

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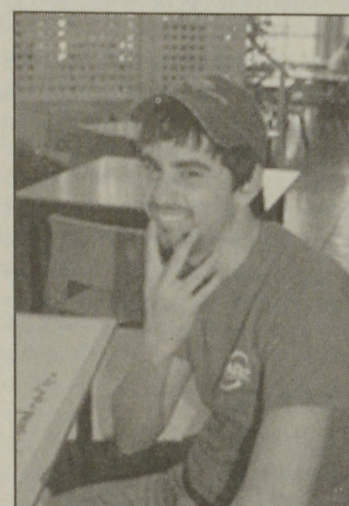
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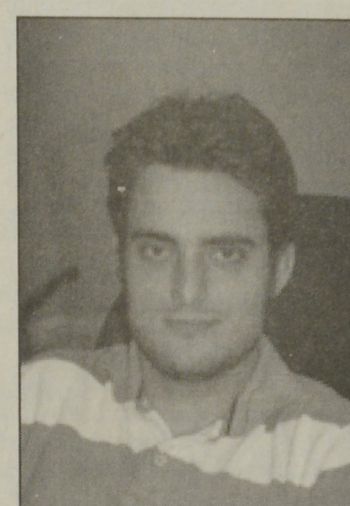
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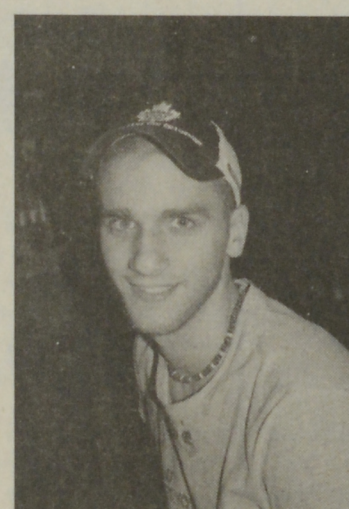
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Oliver Gorman-Asal



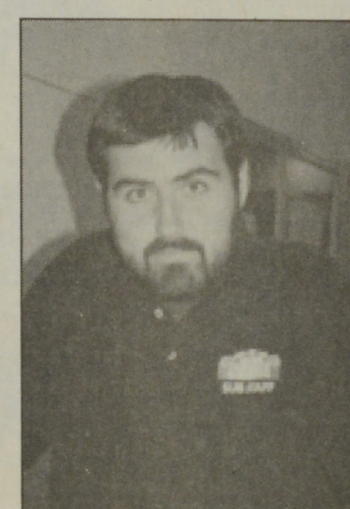
Had my eyebrows shaved off
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A mullet-rat tail
Lyle Skinner



I had a mullet
Justin LeBlanc



Mushroom cut
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Women's Sexual Issues Q&A

by Melissa Fulton
UNB Sexuality Centre

Q: I've heard that women should pee after sex. Why?

A: Some women may develop urinary tract infections (such as infections in the bladder) after having sex. During sex, bacteria that are normally found in the vagina can be transferred into the urethra, which is the tube that connects to the bladder. Peeing a few minutes after sex can help flush out bacteria in the urethra and prevent infection.

Q: Does sex hurt the first time?

A: How each woman feels the first time she has sex is variable. Sex is rarely ever painful for a woman, even the first time. Some women say that their first time having sex was a little "tight" or uncomfortable. If you are feeling a little nervous (which can be normal the first time), then you might not be fully aroused, and therefore might not be producing enough of your own natural lubricant. One way to prevent discomfort is to use some water-based

lube the first time; the more lubricant is present in the vagina, the easier and more comfortable sex can be. It's also important to communicate with your partner. Don't be afraid to tell your partner to be gentle, to slow down, to stop, or to add more lube. Feelings of nervousness can keep the vagina closed or "tight", making sex more uncomfortable. Trying to stay relaxed, and taking your time with foreplay to become more aroused will make the experience much more pleasurable. Using a condom is important every time, but can be even more important the first time, because it may ease some of the nervousness you could be feeling about pregnancy and STIs. If you are feeling very nervous, uncomfortable, or scared, you may want to tell your partner that it's not the right time, and that you can try again a different time. No one should feel

pressured into sex. Sex is supposed to be enjoyable, so if you are feeling really uncomfortable, share your feelings with your partner.

Q: What's a female condom?

A: The female condom acts as a physical barrier between the vagina and the penis and semen, just like a male condom. And, also like a male condom, it can only be used once. Female condoms are made of polyurethane, with two flexible rings are each end of a sheath. One ring is inserted in the vagina and anchors the condom at the top, just like a diaphragm. The other ring sits on the outside of the vagina and is the entry point for the penis. Because female condoms are made of polyurethane, some people with latex allergies use them instead of the usually-latex male condoms.

Have a question about sex, sexuality, or relationships? Visit us, call us at 452-6272, or e-mail us at sexuality@unb.ca! The Sexuality Centre is located at the SUB room 203, on the third floor by the elevator.

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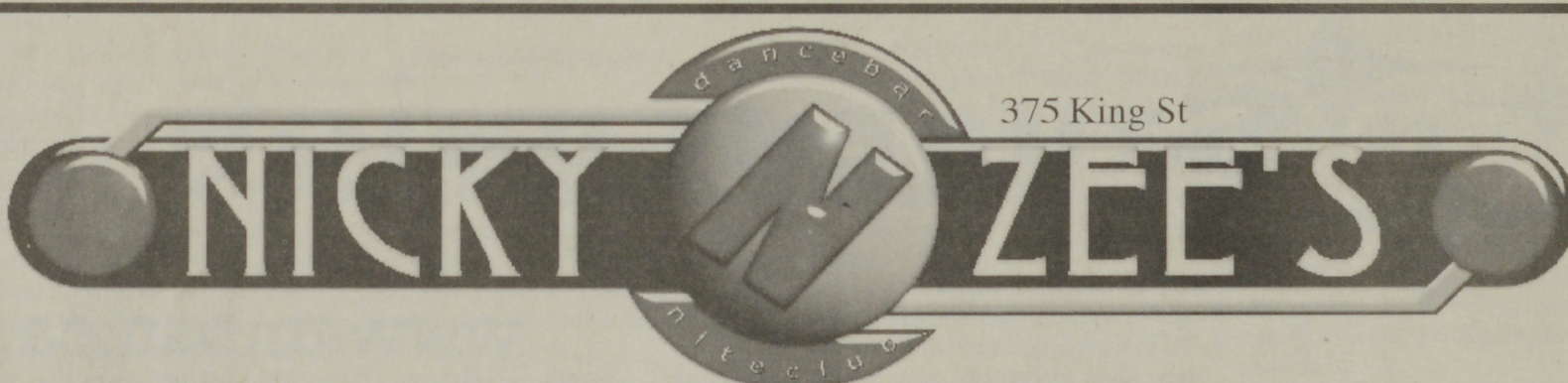
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