

## Editorial



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OME of the most mundane Lot's of CHOICE articles involve toasters. These articles are mundane due to the frequency in which they appear in the pages of Lot's of CHOICE. Is it because electrical companies like to design shoddier and shoddier toasters that will breakdown more often as they've realised that they'll sell more toasters that way? Probably.

Everyone knows that the best toaster ever produced was that silver Sunbeam one your folks got at their engagement. Who cares if getting within six feet of one with metal cutlery in your hand is likely to result in death? They cook toast nicely and they're still working 25 years later. They also have a nifty ability to absorb breadcrumbs in that tray at the bottom. The one at my folks' place hasn't been emptied in 15 years and it still isn't full.

Possibly the reason for mundane toaster articles is a lack of funding. In fact we're quite sure that's it. You see, by reusing the results from previous toaster tests, we get to cut costs and still produce interesting articles (we simply use new photos). With accurate results, the twenty-five year-old Silver Sunbeam always comes out on top.

Anyway, Stuart Littlemore has been nosing around a few back issues and is starting to get a bit suspicious that we're just reprinting the same articles. It is therefore necessary to get some more money so we can do a little more testing. To this end, Lot's of CHOICE, will now contain ads. Please note that this sell out to commercialism will in no way compromise the integrity of Lot's of CHOICE. There's no way we're going to be seen to be supporting anybody. Lot's of CHOICE the CHOICE of a new generation.

## Who are we?

Lot's of CHOICE exists to help you make decisions. It might be a question of which side of the bed to get out of, or which club will give you the most free beer. It might be a case of giving you enough information about areas such as subject choice, students' rights or services available to students that you feel confident you are getting everything you're entitled to as a member of MAS The reason you can rely on Lot's of CHOICE is that the only interests we represent are yours - the student's.

We're not a government department or agency. We're a student newspaper you fool. As if Lot's, your average friendly student newspaper, would be a government department. Phhshaw - Right!!! I mean, we actively question what any authoritative body does, be it international, national, commercial or Federal or State government. There's no way you'll see us believing everything they tell us. As University students it is our right, and indeed, duty, to question all information we receive, be it Brian tellling us so, the bald bloke with the green jacket jacket at the pub last Friday or some government or psuedo government body. It's especially important to question the stuff one gets from political parties. Notorious liars, the lot of them. We exercise our intellectual right to make judgements for ourselves, so we're independent in the true sense of the word; beholden to no one.

The organisation behind Lot's of CHOICE is the Monash Association of Students. This does more than just publish Lot's, a shit load more: we represent students' interests at University, State and Federal levels as a balance to the influence of the people who sign the cheques. You already are a member of the Monash Association of Students and receive Lot's free of charge as one of the many services provided by MAS. The $11 \%$ of your amenities fee (roughly $\$ 38$ ) that goes to MAS buys you a lot of services and representation, and is the only money you would save if you were not a member of your Student Association. The University Union would still be charging you almost $\$ 300$ and, no doubt, without student representation, you would get a second rate park behind staff members in the preferential parking allotment system that would be smartly introduced.

Around 7 people work at Lot's of CHOICE in roles ranging from Editor ( $\$ 10,500$ per year, not $\$ 15,000$ as recently reported) to typesetting to proofreading to secretary. We're here because everyone knows the value of an independent news service and forum for debate.

Keep on Truckin'.


Cover photo: Chris Tomkins


## Next Issue

Dildos: the ins \& outs, Computer dweebdom: Persecution or self inflicted, Hangovers with Nick Welsh, Llawela's body: on display in Panorama Street, Sam Lewis: Crucified by Monash community.

## June, July, August

Tests: Craniums vs. Brick Walls: Headbanging in Action, More Cannabis because we enjoyed it the first time. Matt Nicol in the Shower: How long until the plughole clogs?
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## GREEN SPOTLIGHT

## Methane Gas Inhibitors

Recent studies have shown that methane gas is one of the main offenders in causing the greenhouse effect. It has been estimated that methane gas is responsible for betweeen 13 and 21 per cent of the thinning of the upper layers of the Earth's atmosphere.

Obviously any reduction in methane gas outputs would be beneficial to the state of the planet. Scientists around the world have been busily working to acheive this end.

In Leeds, dietary researchers have discovered that by reducing consumption of onions, baked beans and McDonalds, methane gas outputs can be drastically reduced. Emissions of human subjects were reduced by between 4 and 76 per cent.

A team of veterinary scientists in Seattle have determined that if a dog is killed before it reaches the age of eight years, it's total expected methane gas output will be reduced by 97 per cent. In Lyons, Italian scientists have been told to go home because their French work visas have run out. This is despite the fact that both France and Italy are members of the EC.

In Clayton, detailed studies have been carried out on the methane gas outputs of farm animals, particularly cows. A single cow will emit a staggering 48 cubic metres of methane gas every day. Makes you gald you don't work in a dairy, doesn't it?

These studies have led to the development of the SLR 44 COW CORK with the fist-mounted applicator. This device has been able to reduce the emissions of methane from cows to virtually nil. This is great news for the environment and dyssentric cows. The developers, Warrugul Country Bumpkins and Co are still ironing out a few problems with removal techniques, and deaths due to a peculiar form of bloat.


## The COW CORK with fist mounted applicator.

1.To operate anus clamps
2. To release spring-loaded cow cork.

## SHARK WATCH

Consumers are warned that unscrupulous Fish ' $n$ ' Chip shop pro prietors are substituting more expensive whiting for good old trustworthy flake (which, as everyone knows is Jaws after the final scene). Not only can whiting contain bones that will choke a bloke to death if he's not careful, but it's more expensive than dead shark, and tastes nicer. There have been reports of Fish ' $n$ ' Chip shops absorbing this extra expense, rather than passing it on to consumers. Mr Marshmallow, of Toasted Street, Melbourne, wrote to us.

Recently, I visited my local fish and chip shop, and ordered two fish and minimum chips. To my surprise, I received two pieces of whiting, fried in a delicious beer batter. But, much to my chagrin, the proprietor of the shop undercharged me $\$ 1.20$, by selling at flake prices. To make matters worse, he threw in salt and lemon pieces for free. When will consumers be able to expect the truth from shopkeepers?

Calls to the Department of Consumer Affairs were not answered, typically. Lot's of CHOICE has conducted tests at various Fish ' $n$ ' Chip shops, and can verify that potato cakes are sort of like chips in that they're made of potatoes, but are completely different in their shape and the batter. The order for maximum chips usually cost $\$ 564.70$, considerably more than Mr Toasted's minimum chips.

(Above) Eddie Vedder, NOT of Pearl Jam fame, was with Mr Marshmallow when he recieved his fish and saw his response. Eddie described him as "a complete tool, the shopkeeper was just trying to be nice. If he'd done that to me I would have decked the areshole."

## Can you help?

## SEX TOYS

We are currently preparing an article on sex toys and would like to hear about your experiences (good and bad) when using such devices.

Which sex toys have you used?

- Have you used any of the following: Black Mamba, Lingerdy Shling (TM), Multi-Orifi Penetrator, Maxithrust Multiway (TM), Loveballs-orama . . . a Brick (TM)?
-How long did it take you or your partner to orgasm?
Did you or your partner suffer any discomfort or pain when using the sex toy(s)?
Have you ever experienced loss of your sex toys in orifi, or had difficulties retrieving them?
- Have you ever had a disagreement with your partner over which one will get to use the sex toy first?
Were you satisfied in the end with your partner's handling of the sex toy or would you have preferred a slightly more rhythmical approach?
Do vibrating pagers count as sex toys, and if so, how do you suggest we use them?
- Have you ever had problems while using someone else's sex toy?
- Do you feel dodgy responding to such a questionnaire, and if not, have you ever been convicted for any sex offences?

Write to Sex Toys clo Pete Ophile, Her Majesty's Prison, Pentridge, Coburg. Oh, it's been so long. Oh, so very long. Please write to me and tell me all about it. I'm desperate.

## STATE PREMIER

We are interested in knowing whether ANYONE has had a pleasant experience (not involving sex toys) with their State Premier.
If you have had an experience, either good or bad, with your State Premier, please write to us, and tell us about;
The size (or lack thereof) of his penis.

- The size of his bank account.
- The size of his ego.
- The size of his haircut.
- The size of his desire to implement ideological platforms regardless of whether or not anyone agrees with him, or that they will be of any use at all, or whether or not he is trampling on fundamental rights of association, etc.
${ }^{\text {The }}$ The hypocrisy of his supporters when they claim to be human rights campaigners and yet also support discriminatory laws based on sexual preferences.
The size of his Greek villa.
- The size of his old school tie..

The existance of his Melbourne Club membership
The size of his great Danes (dogs that is) and their influence in any and all policy decisions.
The amount of quite blatant, but very funny, comment in this newspaper against people who want to abolish this newspaper and don't have a personality to speak of.
The size of the shit Dave will cop from the politically correct part of this editorial team.

## DYMOCKS

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## LATEST NEWS

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n Thursday 22nd April 1994, the Victorian Government introduced the Tertiary Education (Ammendment) Bill into parliament. Two days later, this bill was read for a second time. The minister spoke to it, gave a rationale behind its inception and development, and lay it 'on the table' for the compulsory two weeks of general consultation. The legislation as it currently stands, has major ramifications for student organisations around Victoria and for the students who are part of those organisations. This means YOU. What follows is a brief digest of the legislation as it was introduced.

The purpose of the legislation is to introduce voluntary student unionism into all tertiary institutions within Victoria. This includes both the traditional Universities and TAFE colleges, with the legislation also providing parliament with the power to nominate other institutions, private or public, into this VSU vulnerable class.

The effect of the Bill is to allow students to choose whether or not they wish to join their particular student organisation.

## VSU: HERE AT LAST

This means that theoretically, amenities and services fees for those students who choose not to join and not to access the services of the student organisation, would decrease. However, a major component of the current legislation, is a proviso which allows Universities to levy compulsory non-academic fees for services deemed to be "of direct benefit to the institutionor students of the institution". This is stated to include food services, meeting rooms and facilities, sports and recreation, childcare, counselling, health, legal, housing and employment services, and other similar services and facilities.

## So - what does this mean?

Based on the current fee status, Monash Clayton students would still be forced by the University to pay a minimum of $\$ 260$ for services rendered by the University. This money would be collected by central administration (perhaps with an added administration and processing charge) and the given to the body who had
won the right to provide those specific services and facilities through the competitive tendering process specified. Since the Act specifically delineates between service providing bodies and representative organisations, it is clear that the intention of the Government is to prevent student input into the expenditure of the money they pay, and to hinder the representative role currently played by existing student organisations.

It will be interesting to watch the repercussions of the legislation over the next few months as people attempt to interpret the various provisions.....keep your eye on the paper for the fallout!

Note: The Bill as written is an ammendment to the existing Tertiay Education Act passed in 1989. MAS has copies of both the Act and Ammendment and is always willing to discuss the provisions and their implications for students. Please feel free to come into the office anytime if you have any questions, or want to check out the Act.


## CANNABIS

> The drug of choice for generations of student radicals, but why is this so? Why is mull seen as an under culture pastime? Why do users of this popular drug have to expose themselves to criminal liability, and more usefully, how much is it, where can you get it from and which sort has the best effect?

After washing 10,000 dishes in aid of the dishwashing liquid comparison last issue, this intrepid (but naive) journalist was the first volunteer for the Lot's of CHOICE Marijuana Test. The brief was simple; purchase a range of products from unknowing dealers, rigorously test each variety, rate each using a variety of categories, and conclude which brand offered the best value for money, and which was Melbournes' best quality marijuana.

A team of six eager judges was assembled quicker than you can say "free pot"; three beginners, and three experienced campaigners. Consultation with these long time users, with the Mullers \& Packers Union, and with dozens in the Lot's of CHOICE office, revealed that it was in fact nearing peak season - a wide range of products was readily available. We settled on a five way test; hash, skunk, sinsemilla, seedy buds, and leaf. See table for explanation of the different products.

## Buyer's Guide

It's a seller's market, due to the legal status, and the prices are inflated even in harvest season (although a rumoured PSA inquiry may shake up a few consortiums). Plan ahead, is the advice this novice would offer to prospective buyers. A seven hour tour around Melbourne was required to purchase enough samples for our study.

My learned friends inform me that this is a regular occurrence, and the supply can be interrupted for days at a time in the lean summer months. The most organised dealers have paging systems and a shop from home setup, but these operations are usually exclusively wholesale. The local dealer is where most purchases are made, and typically these people are hard to distinguish from average suburbanites.

Prices are detailed in the table. Hash and skunk were very expensive, and the
prices were relatively constant wherever we went, leading the writer to suspect that dealers may be cooperating in a price fixing system.

Sinsemilla was the easiest to obtain at this time of year, with most dealers offering a selection at reasonable rates. The prices varied considerably. Leaf was obtained in large quantity at no charge from a friendly dealer who just wanted to sample some of our cookies. (All the samples were consumed through a standard bong, except for the leaf. The experienced users absolutely refused to "smoke that shit", and produced some very impressive choc-chip mull-cookies out of it instead.)

Buying in bulk can save the smart shopper big money. Quarter ounces represent much better value than grams, and ounces offer better value again. Lot's of CHOICE spoke to several users who combined resources to make larger purchases, saving money and enjoying the benefits of dealing with a wholesaler most notably home delivery and free sainples.

## Gettimg Stabted

Making contacts is not terribly hard for the keen beginner, who should start by asking either a friend who smokes (eve-
rybody has one), or a shady character at the local pub. The product is widely distributed, and other users are always willing to lend a hand to the drought-stricken or the new. The first-timer should take along an experienced buyer to ensure that the product is genuine - there are no refunds.

Weight in particular seems to be an area where the unwary buyer is exploited. It is a good idea to see it weighed before you buy, and most dealers will oblige if you ask. A set of scales at home is a must for the regular buyer, these are relatively inexpensive (the cost of between one and two grams of pot) and can save you a fortune.

A major problem encountered by new buyers is the difficulty in dealing with the large criminal element involved in the drug trade. This investigator learnt fairly quickly to deal only with the marijuana specialists - infinitely less paranoid than their powder dealing competitors.

We were told some horror stories about deals gone wrong, they were all very similar and all involved the rough-ing-up of buyers unwise enough to default on credit repayments. As with any purchase, buying marijuana should only be done with money that the individual actually has.

## BUZZWORDS

Bong, billy, pipe :- the water-cooled pipe that is the favoured smoking implement in this country (similar to, but smaller than, the hookah used in the Middle East).
Stoned, wasted, bent, mellow, high, peaking, ripped, blown away :- the feeling following ingesting the magic weed.
Mix, deal, stick, foil, little one :- a gram of marijuana.
An oscar, ozzy, oswald :- an ounce.
Elbow, alby, sixteen :- a pound.
Ganja, weed, grass, pot, buds, hooch, peppermint :- the flowering tops of the cannabis sativa plant.
Putty, chocolate, black, brown, hash, hashish :- the concentrated resin of the plant.


Above: Our researcher, whose identity has been obscured for his own protection and continued chances of supply, dedicated himself to test driving as many weeds as he could . . . all in selfless dedication to Lot's of CHOICE.

## Muling Up

Mulling the marijuana (combining it with tobacco for smoking) is completed using different techniques by different people, but for the purpose of this survey we used what was considered the standard practise in Victoria. Hashish was mulled with tobacco using the spoon method - the hash is flattened, placed on a spoon and heated until bubbles appear in it, it is then placed in a bowl of tobacco and rubbed in by hand. Greens were placed in a parsley grinder (after any seeds had been removed) with tobacco and ground through into the bowl two or three times. The leaf was boiled in butter for several minutes, the butter was then used to make cookies. The quickest and easiest to smoke was the sinsemilla, two goes through the grinder and we were off. The hash was annoying, it just takes too long to prepare, and one often ends up with burnt fingers. The skunk heads needed separating before being fed through the grinder, the tight, sticky buds were almost the death of the ageing unit we used. The seedy buds are definitely best kept for emergencies only, as what seemed like hours was required to separate the mull from the seed. The cooking of the leaf is probably best left to the experts, there is a lot of effort involved, but the results were impressive.

## Conclusion

Sinsemilla came out on top overall, followed by skunk, hash, leaf (cookies), and then seedy buds. Sinsemilla is readily available, offered a better than average high and excellent value for money. It is also by far the easiest to use.

When the value for money category is removed, however, sinsemilla falls behind skunk as the best quality smoke around, and true connoisseurs have no qualms about paying the very high prices for this top quality weed.

The first-time buyer should stay away from hash and skunk, as both produced overwhelming results in our inexperienced members of the panel. Sinsemilla in small doses or seedy buds will do the trick, they both are relatively cheap and available, and the likelihood of "overdose" (spinning out) is small. Don't smoke after drinking, the effect any one cone can have on an intoxicated person is quite unpredictable. This sorry reporter was fine one minute and riding the porcelain bus the next, after a big night on the grog and a couple of bongs (all in the line of duty, of course). Moderation is always the key to enjoyment without side-effects, and this is especially the case for the inexperienced.

Lot's of CHOICE found that the unregulated market that exists in the Cannabis industry, while providing some

## DEALERS: THE PIPELINE TO PLEASURE

None of the dealers can be named here obviously.. The names and a lot of the facts have been changed to protect Lot's of CHOICE (and yours truly).

Frank, St. Kilda: sells quarters and ounces at average rates to just about anybody. Specialises in pot, but sometimes dabbles in the harder stuff. His customers said he was friendly and reliable, but some thought he might be a security risk (a bit careless). Deals were a little bit under weight.

## Lucky Paul, somewhere in South-East

 Melbourne: sells ounces and pounds. Wholesaler who home delivers to regulars only. Best prices and quality we could find. Customers tell us that Lucky is never out of stock and usually has the best around. Our testers tended to agree.Weights were spot-on. The convenience of a mobile phone also scored points for Lucky.

Michelle, Prahran: sells grams and quarters. A bit of a psycho, Michelle is a bit unreliable. We were able to purchase an ounce at a good price, but it turned out to be three grams under. We suspect Michelle also deals amphetamines.

John, Hawthorn: sells half-pounds and up to a very select clientele. Lot's of CHOICE were unable to meet John, but our middle-man tells us that he is a businessman in his mid-thirties, with a family and a dog. The pound we purchased weighed half an ounce over.

Elvis, St. Kilda; sells whatever you want from his booth at a St. Kilda hotel.

Quite a character, Elvis is always ready for a chat or a beer over business. Prices were average, weight was good, but we can't help but feel a bit paranoid buying from a guy in a pub, even when we're positive he's not a cop.

Dave, outskirts of Melbourne: a grower who sells only to wholesalers, Lot's of CHOICE did not have the budget to make a purchase from Dave. He was very accommodating, when told of our survey, and provided a huge bag of leaf for the cookies, and a sample of his finest to prove that he was a grower of top quality weed. While we could not include Daves' gear in the test (as he knew about it and therefore gave us his best) the team felt compelled to try it and were mightily impressed.
very good quality dope and a sophisticated distribution network, fails to offer the average consumer any protection against shonky dealers. Adulterated marijuana, underweight deals, threats and in some cases violence by dealers were all common complaints received by Lot's of CHOICE before this survey, and we did in fact contact numerous assholes in our search for samples. There is no avenue of complaint for the consumer, and in fact, laws relating to marijuana consumers actually cause more harm to the average user than the dealers are ever likely to. The Minister for Consumer Affairs would not comment on this story, and the message for all is, if you are going to purchase marijuana, the onus is entirely on the buyer to ensure that the deal is genuine (and that the dealer is genuine - not a government official). So be aware.

## Clockwise from Top:

Seedy Buds, often found lurking in back alleys;
Green Stuff found out the back of the Lot's office, don't pay money for this;
Skunk, as opposed to skank - a style of dancing popular amongst punks and other alternates;
Another Toaster Photo, can be used to cook the mull in emergencies,; Hash, rateed poorly due to the time consuming preparation required.


## Are you a

 SUBJECT SCAM VICTIM?Been catching up on sleep in class? Natasha Toholka \& Vicky Graham delve into some subjects which seem to lack a very basic element . . . such as a point!

Have you ever realised two weeks into a subject that the Faculty Handbook lied to you? Are the lecturers so excruciatingly boring that they can't even be bothered to be cynical anymore? Are you subjected to six hour pracs about the intracacies of ferret behaviour? Can you bear to read another rhetorical question? If not, read on as Lot's of CHOICE uncovers the eight darstardly offenders in the Subject Scam.

## THE SUBJECTS

## ENG 3022

Mechanics of Igloo Building
'Learn to wield an ice-pick like Sharon Stone' was the misleading sentence in the Faculty Handbook that conned many hormonally imbalanced Engingeering students to pick this subject. Be warned, the faculties are unscupulous in using gimmicks to maintain subject quotas! Snooze factor of three yawns. Moderately boring.

## ECM 1021

## Business and Economic Statistics

Unfortunately, this subject is both compulsory and of a more substantial nature than the preceding one. Dominated by dry-throated lecturers who have an extreme passion for overheads. Characterised by the condition 'Glazier Corneas Irritabilitis' or glazed eye syndrome. Many a first year student has ended a promising business career on the basis of this subject. Snooze fac-
tor: off the scale. Take our advice and do Visual Arts.

## PLT 2001

## Macedonia, the Kennett Factor

This is the politics subject that is topical and relevant to all. Learn about the subtleties of statesmanship and diplomacy through the actions of a real master. Thrill to the Machiavellian instincts of power politics. Marvel at the impact the Premier has had on ethnic relations and multicultural policy. NOT! The lecturer is one A. Peacock, more than adequate to do justice to the subject. Snooze factor of five yawns. Maximum waste of your HECS.

## BIO 1011

## Biology

"Plants, cells, plants, genes, plants." This is what the Faculty guide should have written for the course description. Monotonous lecturers do their best to explain the repetitive course material. The pracs are a nightmare, if this is $\mathrm{Bi}-$ ology, we'll take basket weaving at Dookie. Be warned, the only thing of value you will take with you from this course is an interesting theory about dinosaurs as exploding compost heaps. Snooze factor: five yawns.

## LAW 1100

Legal Process
The title given to this subject is perhaps one of the most 'misrepresentative' and 'unconscionable' pieces of terminology currently in use by the law school. Not
only is this subject totally irrelevant to anything substantially legal, but it requires no process whatever; mental or otherwise. The snooze factor in these classes is high, and the lecture theatres are warm, so bring the Tontine and that ever so toasty Linda . . . or better still, sit down and watch Law and Order, with a carton of Cadbury Cream Eggs, because you will attain a far better understanding of the law, and a huge pimple which will give you something to contemplate during Legal Process.

## ICE 1001

Introduction to Icelandic Dialects
This introductory course will overwhelm you with the sheer romance of this often neglected language. Participation in this subject includes a detailed study of the well known periodical 'Advice From the Ice'. This will help you to see your personal problems from the point of view of a geriatric inhabiter of the northernmost hemisphere, who has survived solely on solidified whale blubber for the past half a century. It should be noted that there is an oral component to this course. Here you will learn phrases and songs which would enable you to fit in easily to Icelandic society. The recitation of "Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" in seven different dialects constitutes the main assessment. The snooze factor in this subject is zero, as the lec-

" PLT2001 . . . Marvel at the impact the premier has had on ethnic relations . . . NOT! "
turers like to recreate the titillatingly freezing conditions of their homeland.

## CMP 0001

## An Introduction to Computers

Compulsory for Arts students, this is undoubtably the most pained two points of your degree that you will ever earn. The classes are held below sea level in the dungeon underneath the Ming Wing. They consist of four consecutive hours of typing skill development each week, so if you are prone to arthritis, seek exemption. In fact, if you are prone to being a human, seek exemption, because the frustration of hearing a roomful of computers go 'Bing' every time someone makes a typing stuff up, may just send you over the edge. The lecturers are examples of people who have been sent over the edge. They prefer microchips to potato wedges, and to them, a
day spent with a computer is a DOS: Day Of Satisfaction.

## PHS 1000

Philosophy of the Family
This subject involves an indepth examination of the lives, loves and principle philosophies of families, and uses the Simpsons as a prototype. You will consider the encompassing symbolism of donuts, the Freudian inferences of Marge's hair, Homer's need for 'escape' to Moe's and the paradox of a dog named 'Santa's Little Helper'. The possible effects of nuclear contamination on Homer's erratic speech function is also studied . . . D'oh! Moreover, the genetic possibilities of Lisa; a straightA Simpson offspring are questioned. The snooze factor in this subject is high, as the lecturers like to impose Homer's epic philosophy upon students.

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## STUDENT BAGS

Loved by everyone, one of the greatest evolutionary sucess stories of all time the humble bag is bound to part of your life. The ability to carry your books, bits and lunch around all day long is often taken for granted . . . but what about the thing that does the carrying; and what does its size, shape and colour say about you. By Melanie McGrath.

Have you ever been bedazzled by the number and variety of bags carried by students? Have you ever contemplated their comparative benefits? If so, keep reading with bated breath as the Lot's of CHOICE Research Team reveals all. If not, you are obviously the proud owner of a personality (refer to last month's article Personality Maintenance) and are probably reading this magazine because it's the only one left in the doctor's waiting room that has pictures in it.

The people in our backroom who sit around thinking of new and obscure things to test have decided it's time to turn the spotlight onto the humble student bag. The Research Team took a representative sample of student's bags and after some initial misunderstanding with security, subjected them to harsh, rigorous, brutal testing.

## LOOK FOR

Well, apart from the obvious - food, money, condoms - there were a few qualities we specifically looked for:

## Easiness to carry

One strap or two? And just where do you want those straps or handles to go? Some assurance freaks may be seen with their bags strapped to every conceivable part of their body, but others prefer the casual swung-over-the-shoulder look.

## SIzE

Size is a very personal thing and depends on just what your purpose at University is. Some people opt for the "everything including the kitchen sink with the bath-
room sink thrown in" model, they being those who attend all lectures, tutes and lunchtime seminars.

On the other hand, you have the more widely recognised student bag, which holds the keycard to an empty bank account, a packet of cigarettes, and little else.

## Do-upp things:

Unless you are the biggest exhibitionist this side of Man-O-Man, there will undoubtedly be things in your bag that should, at times, be kept out of view. Sure it works on television, but "they're just my Libra Fleur" isn't going to cut it in the Small Caf at lunchtime. For this reason our Research Team made a very thorough examination of the do-uppy things on various bags.

## Safety

Recent unfortunate incidents involving refrigerators, clothes dryers, microwaves and Bamixes have highlighted the need for all household appliances to be childproof. Lot's of CHOICE would like to see that principle extended to accessories, and have tested accordingly.

## Social credibility

This is an optional feature of any bag and may be bought separately. There are, however, a few basic ground rules:
black is good

- tartan is not
- anything bearing the words "Sportsgirl", "Country Road" or "Esprit" is fine for a Year 9 trip to the city, but at University indicates a severe lack of maturity and social awareness - unless you're a girl.


## HOW WE TESTED

Apart from jumping up and down on them a few times, the Lot's of CHOICE Research Team subjected its sample bags to crushing on the Ming Wing escalators and elevators, stuffing in the reserve room and bookstore shelves, and the compulsory childproof and pressure tests. The latter involved the number of books on a politics recommended reading list that can be crammed into any one bag.

## PROFILES

## The Pseudo-Briefcase

Once the domain of Law Students, Liberal Students and the complete prat, these bags are slowly being recognised by the wider student community. No longer are such leather constructions a sure sign of pushy parents. It is not now uncommon to find members of various subcultures toting one of these, but don't let the obscure band T-shirt, ripped jeans and randomly shaved head fool you underneath a raving megalomaniac lies.

## GOOD POINTS

- many of these come with both handle and shoulderstrap for the choice of a hands on or off approach - and interesting feature to note is the predominance of the handheld variety among male students. The sensation of cool, firm leather perhaps...
- these resemble the legendary carpet bag of Mary Poppins, you'd be amazed just what can be pulled out of them - an uncrushed packet of cigarettes for instance.
- you name it, the pseudo-briefcase has
it. Zips, clasps, velcro: nothing escapes these babies. Those with velcro fasteners were found to be especially suited to the library attention seeker
- these bags did particularly well on the safety test. As already stated, they will not crush your cigarettes, nor will they cause the accidental death of a child


## BAD POINTS

the aforementioned connections with Liberal Students

## SOCIAL CREDIBILITY

Appearing in mainly black and brown, these bags rate well on the credibility scale. Avoid at all costs the green pseudo-briefcase and those bearing large, silver letters. The bag for the student who has it all together.

## Sportsbags

An almost exclusively male dominated class of bags, probably because they give the impression that the owner is primed to jump over to the gym at the slightest provocation. They're also remarkably phallic.

## GOOD POINTS

- the sportsbag eanges in size from you standard "Adidas with a pair of jocks thrown in", right through to the "Nike Air Jordan Reebok Pumps with extra room for a couple of dumbells" deluxe model
the zips generally used to fasten these bags are pretty good unless they split open, get jammed or spontaneously combust


## BAD POINTS

- the sportsbag floats somewhere between handheld and the shoulder strap, and is essentially a "whack-it-out-then-sling-it-over-your-shoulder" type bag
- excessive use can lead disproportional
muscle development of limbs and egos


## SOCIAL CREDIBILITY

Sorely lacking in individuality, these join the pseudo-briefcase in the "love me because I'm beautiful" category.

## Schoolbass

Again this class is dominated by male user, especially male users who can't let go of private school notoriety.

## GOOD POINTS

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## BAD POINTS

- ever found a comfortable way to carry a schoolbag?
ever had a schoolbag whose zip stayed intact for more than six months?
- ever been hit in the head by the schoolbag of a Year 12 Godzilla?
- ever been told that carrying your bag wrong can do nasty things to your spine? Yes, mother was right


## SOCIAL CREDIBILITY

None. Let it go guys, we don't want to know where you came from.

## Satchels/backpacks

Still the choice of a generation. This general heading covers an inexhaustive range of sensible square backpacks, floppy satchels, and everything in between.

## GOOD POINTS

- you can put these bags on your back and forget about them, or carry them in your hand for relatively eas access in the Cafe queues
backpacks vary in size from medium to camping-for-a-week-in-the-Grampians huge
most backpacks and satchels contain
the missing ingredient when it comes to fasteners; the drawstring - a wonderful, wonderful thing found on backpacks and boxer shorts the world over
- the backpack is still recognised as the most effective means of keeping a comfortable distance between yourself and the hotblooded business student behind you on the Menzies' escalators


## BAD POINTS

a number of satchels were found by the Research Team to have those little rings that you have to wind a strap through. Apart from being extremely inconvenient, such do-uppy things are highly hazardous in one o'clock exodus from a linguistics lecture. Time, and bored, hungry Arts students, wait for no man

- the crush factor on these bags was found to be rather high. If you jumped up and down on one, the things inside got squashed.


## SOCIAL CREDIBILITY

You can't go far wrong with the criminally underrated backpack. Whether you go the black polyester or the batik woven hippy thing, you will be sure to find acceptance and open arms. Just remember the tartan rule.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

If you have a spare $\$ 70$ and a will to succeed, buy a pseudo-briefcase (and enter Toni Pearen's Big Break Awards). If you don't want to spend so much on something to carry your books in and dump on grotty lecture theatre floors, then the backpack is the go.

But if you really want to look cool, don't buy a magazine that compares the popping distancr of toasters and the spin cycle of washing machines. You might as well go shopping with your mother.


## PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

Through the investment of many hours and the practice of ancient chinese stillness mantras our skilled photographers were able to capture these shots as some bags were feeding in the Lot's of CHOICE office.
(Left) The reasonably common slightly stuffed rucksack.
(Right) The puncy designer pseudo-briefcase and satchel. Numbers are on the increase due to succesful efforts at breeding in
 captivity.

# Bargains abound! LECTURERS GOING CHEAP 



> With the massive expansion of Monash over recent years the range of lecturers available has increased dramatically Jerome Lupkes runs some of the more common models through their paces.

THERE ARE many things one must take into consideration when buying a new lecturer. Will the model you choose meet your daily requirements? Are you getting the best quality for the price you pay?

We asked our experts to test the various models and to compare their performances. Dr Hairy Organs lead the research team - "most of the models we tested have been in the market for several years and we found interesting results with each of them".

There were several criteria to be tested:

1. Bore \& Frustration Factor Life Expec.
(BAFFLE)
2. Being Able to Lecture Decently
(BALD)
3. Sorting Homework In Tutorials
(SHIT)
4. Without Any Need for Kennett
(WANK)
Dr Organs and his team tested each model individually and studied its performance - "We found that the results varied from faculty to faculty. The engineers had a very high BAFFLE rating and they tended to be poor in the criteria of fuel efficiency."
"The Arts lecturers rated well in crash simulation with little damage to body structure. However, spare parts for these
models are very hard to come by. Most had the new lecture theatre guidance chip built in their navigation systems, and were able to find their classrooms in only a single afternoon.."
"The medicine class models gave interesting results. In eight out of nine bench tests they were able to write their own names and office room number without supervision. The WANK factor of these specimens was high, as was the SHIT"

Of all the faculties represented in the tests, the computer science lecturers topped the list with the highest BALD factor, highest endurance and best speech delivery (these guys can talk total bullshit without taking a single breath for over an hour).

Engineers rated well in such areas as efficiency and capacity, however they all exhibited extremely high BAFFLE coefficients - out of twenty models tested, none were even close to making a single iota of sense, a quality shared with medicine, economics, arts, science and law.

Looking more closely at individual models also revealed some interesting results. Some of the models tested did not follow the general behaviour of their faculties. For example, the Nineo2000 of the Science Faculty scored extremely well in such areas as efficiency and top speed but badly in areas such as comfort and features. If you intend to buy a family model lecturer this one's not the one - go for something larger and more comfortable (eg Arts)

| Model/Class | Year | Fuel Capacity | Bullshit Factor | Results | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Physics 5000 | 1935 | Doesn't need fuel |  | High BALD Factor | Generally high efficiency but unable to stop talking crap |
| 2. Economics 3b | 1954 | Fair |  | Did not perform well | These models require constant retrigeration or may explode |
| 3. Engineer 180 B | 40,000 BC | Good (Unleaded) |  | High BAFFLE fac. | Never make sense and have lousy handwriting |
| 4. Law Hatch | 1963 | Runs on coffee |  | Generally good results | Not much leg-room comes with in-built CD Player |
| 5. Arts 07 | Unknown | Unlimited |  | No | Forget it |

## ADVICE

Buying your first lecturer can be pretty exhausting if you don't know what to look for. You have to consider many things - how many people will use your lecturer, where to keep it, what to feed it etc. Also consider technical detail such as fuel efficiency and rego.

Be very careful about which model to buy, there are imitations on the market, the most notable being the Kennett'94. This model is a complete and utter piece of shit. Our research team couldn't even get it started - and when they did, it said absolutely nothing except for repeated demands to be fed and lubricated.

## Do's

apply linseed oil to your lecturer every month to prevent aging

- feed plenty of coffee
- change the kitty litter daily


## Don'ts

- don't use in rain - will multiply
- don't use around small children (risk of uncontrolled vomiting)
- don't let your lecturer interact with other lecturers (may have a conference or tea break)
- don't listen to your lecturer (you may become infected)
- don't ell it where you live because it is likely to come over to your house demanding late assignments.



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## Cars are something many students have and many yearn for; but what is the "typical" student vehicle?

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FTER THE initial flurry of excitement that accompanies the granting of funding for a car purchase (either from student loans, parents, or the sweat of your own brow), you will face a myriad of decisions. Here at Lot's of CHOICE, we're adding another factor to the decision making process - student cred.

No longer is it enough to know roughly what make, model, year and price-range you want. If you want to show that you're a proud student, then put your car to the Lot's of CHOICE test. Our panel selected several criterion which are the mainstay of student cars throughout Australia. These criterion should in no way be thought of as ob-

## The Student Car \&You

jective, as they merely reflect what the panellists have detected in their own vehicles. So, does your car measure up?

## Body-work

- Dents - Should cover at least ten per cent of the vehicle
- Rust - If it isn't visible to the naked eye from one hundred metres, you're not in the running.
-Aerial - Preferably a coat hanger bent into an interesting shape. Electric retractable aerials lose big points.
- Decals/Trimming - Must be peeling off, or have been pulled off by vandals.
- Stickers - Anything to do with sport or politics is fine, with McVIP stickers
earning extra points. Triple M Rocks Sutcliffe Plumbing Supplies stickers are not acceptable.
- Paint - Two or three tone, please, or else flowers. pixies or psychadelia. No painted on brick walls (you know who you are).


## Interior

Baby seats, phones, and religious paraphenalia will simply not do. Sports gear, empty cans and chip packets, used condoms and Billy Bragg cassettes are acceptable alternatives. However you can't go beyond Hungry Jacks wrappers (ask Matt "Fast Food" Nicol). Unidentifiabe whatzits and a mega-watt sound-system are the entry-level.


Prat Factor - We hate people whose cars are more expensive than ours.Die yuppie die, etc. Note that this BMW is illegally parked (somehow, this did not suprise our researchers).


This VW 1600 is a close runner-up, but lacks the dented body-work that would have signalled a clear win. The "smiley" front end also detracts from the general air of dread that one should normally associate with a ride in this rust-bucket.

## Engine/Mechanics

If it's not over ten years old, and badly in need of a service, it's obvious that mater and pater have bought their little snookums a lovely birfday pressie, so what do you care about student cred? But anyway, balding tires, an engine that only you know has a muffler, and black plumes of smoke are the hallmarks of a classic student car. But please, no horns that play well-known party tunes (take note Dave).

## CarRyablitity

The more people you can squeeze in, the better it helps your social life.

## Рrat Factors

- Anything vehicle less than five years old that isn't battered to an inconvenient to repair extent
- P plates on anything worth more than $\$ 10,000$
- Oakley and FOX FM stickers.

With such harsh criteria, vehicles such as these must be hard to come by, right? Our panel found that this was not the case, and found plenty of fine specimens in the Monash carparks. Here's some of the highlights of their survey, including our pick of Monash's best student cars:


Note the bubbly roof, excessive rust, decrepit trimming and general state of disrepair. Our panel felt that this Datsun 180B fulfilled the most criterion of our test, and is one of the best examples to be found in Monash's carparks (well, within a five minute walk of our offices) Clearly the winner.

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Tool factor - note the "Triple M Rocks Glen Iris" and pseudo-surfie stickers on this Laser. OK . . . so maybe this isn't an uncommon sight around Monash, but that doesn't mean we have to like it.


This Holden wins hands down in the style stakes. Mmmm, pistachio green and white, WITH tail fins. The retro style may no longer be fashionable (according to those with more fashion sense than us), but our panel liked it.
s a youngster comes to that stage in their lives when they need to spread their wings, sow their wild oats, and generally see the world so to speak, they are inundated with a large choice of places in which to do so. In order to try to quell the confusion associated with where one should go of an evening, a few nightspots have been sampled, and their merits commented on. It should be noted that all comments have been written from the point of view of someone who likes the music.

## THE CLUBS

## Sanction

## Chevron, Tuesday, 519 St Kilda Rd Melb

Not a bad night. Unlike some other places on Tuesdays it actually felt like a few people were out.

The music is predominantly techno, so if you hate the stuff; forget it. Otherwise there's nothing to stop you dancing - just don't wear your good shoes, as the metal on the floor has a way of ending up on your toes. Also make sure you wear light (as in not heavy) clothing due to the tendency for things on the dance floor to heat up (at an accelerated rate when the dancers jump on the podium).

One thing the team really noticed is that there were very few ugly people there, so if you're looking for more than dancing don't rule this place out. What's more, with beer at $\$ 2$ a pot those shy souls can get more liquid courage for their dollar than at most other clubs.

The crowd seems to average about 21 years old, although you can never tell (it could just be the clothes). There was more of a feeling of being checked out
as you walked through the club than other places, so make sure you look your best (or worst). Of course, this means the eaze of sleaze is high, as you would not feel out of place in doing so.

Cop-a-Root $89 \%$ (This figure was found to increase to $99 \%$ if the panel member didn't live with their parents)

## Clockwork

## Chevron, Wednesdays, 519 St Kilda Rd Melb

A great place to go if you want to be able to wear/do what you want. Gone are the days where you felt intimidated if you did not look like something out of a Bram Stoker novel. Replaced by a more relaxed (and younger, about 19) crowd.

The musical sets vary greatly, from grunge to techno, although the music predominantly tends towards alternative dance.

The really noticeable thing about the place is that it's quite easygoing, as noone really cares what you're doing. Considering it's a nightclub, there is not a great feeling of sleaze in the air (statistics show most people are more interested in the music), but being a nightclub, there is that constant level that makes the night more interesting.

The atmosphere here appears to be enjoyed by the crowd, which really inspires one to relish the cheap prices at the bar. It is not deemed uncool if you don't dance (unlike Tuesdays), so you can sit back and enjoy a well earned beverage. There are $\$ 1$ pots and $\$ 2.50$ spirits in happy hour (9-11) and add a dollar after that.

Cop-a-Root 69\% (Due to the cheap drinks this activity is often low on the scale for many patrons as they stagger out the door)
is always packed out ( I have seen lines 30 metres long at 5 am ). The music is progressive House and Garage with a few commercial tracks as well (exactly what you'd want for a night of serious grooving) and the DJs, Mark Sames and Franky Dee, are absolute wizards on the deck. The dancefloor is always packed and pumps all night, and the whole vibe of the place is conducive to a great night out.

So, what's the problem? The place is full of fuckwits with egos three feet wide. Everybody prances around as if they are King Dick/Queen Latifa. Only the latest fashions will do......fuck that! Get a life you dickheads! 3 out of 10 . Cop-a-Root 14\%

## Insanity

> Chevron, Saturday, 9 pm - 7am. \$5. 501 St. Kilda Road.

Insanity is nowhere near as good as it used to be - they let ANYONE in these days. The place is full of Shazzas and Kevs, and (dare one say it) surfies! What have they done to my beautiful Insanity? Still, at least the self-proclaimed "inset" (read egotistical fuckwits) have fucked off to Chasers.

They left a void which has been more than adequately filled by the Rave set, who manifest out in the "The Cham Bloc". (translation: underground hardcore techno room). The place still has quite an energetic vibe, and the drinks are really cheap at the moment (\$1 pots, $\$ 2.50$ spirits). Worth a look. 7 out of 10 . Cop-a-Root $72 \%$ (patronage a bit dodgy)
P.S. To the guy on the door - you stink. Get a real deodorant.

## Sundays Live <br> Chevron, Sunday, 519 St Kilda Rd.

Unlike many other clubs on a Sunday (not), the DJs play retro as well as current commercial dance. The band starts at about midnight. Many didn't bother staying for the band (their reasons: "They were beyond a joke"). Up until that point though, the music was great. The club was fairly full, indicated by the dance floor being rather dense with people (although only the main room was open) which made it easy to meet fellow dancers.

It's a pity the dance music didn't stay on for longer as the crowd really seemed
to be enjoying themselves. This did, however, make a good warm-up for those who stayed to listen to the retro-style band.

Most people there seemed to be young ( $18-20$ ), with very few of the guys not wearing a surfie $t$-shirt. The women were more varied in their choice of clothing. Cop-a-root $17 \%$ (due to the early exodus).

## Moist

Fantasia, Sunday, 11 pm - dawn, \$8. Commercial Road, Prahan.
This is a club frequented by the industry crowd, the gay/mixed set and singing drag queens. This is a full-on underground club, and the crowd is a reflection of this - anything goes. The music is great (progressive House, Urban Groove, Garage and Underground) and the drinks reasonably priced. Serious clubbers will thrive here.

A word of warning - no-one arrives before 1am, and the club doesn't pump until well after four. If you can last the distance and can tolerate speed freaks, do it! 0 out of 10 (before 3 am), 8 out of 10 (post 3am). Cop-a-root $83 \%$.

## Hellfire Cubs <br> Dream, Sundays, 10pm - dawn. \$7

## 229 Queensbury Street, Melb.

This club is sick and twisted! Once you're past the door staff (who conduct a searching examination) you enter a world of sexual decadence. Public whippings, bondage videos and a whole club full of people who obtain sexual gratification from these and other not-so-conventional pleasures. Hmmm...... there's even a room out the back for your own intimate bondage session. Definitely one for those with open minds.

Topside, the music is techno-hard and heavy. The crowd are definitely fullon ragers, and they aren't shy about seeking out sexual partners. Fellas, a word of warning - consider taking a cricket box, as the females have a rather crushing way of displaying affection.

If you'd like to spend an evening watching someone whipped (or perhaps you'd like to indulge yourself), this is definitely to be experienced. 8 out of 10 . Cop-a-root; Did you or did you not read the above synopsis? If you can't cop-aroot here, give up clubbing.

## Marmalade

Warehouse, Sunday, 14 Clarenmont St, South Yarra
Energy Distribution - Uneven energy distribution in a club may cause boredom, which in turn may cause a low populaton level. Warehouse was easily able to pass the test. It's ultra-high energy rating did not affect small numbers of people, but did seem to pose a problem of over-cooking larger crowds.

Music - The sound of a club is vital in maintaining the energy level. Warehouse on Sunday nights has three types of sounds. These three types vary automatically throughout the night, allowing change in atmosphere without permanently reprogramming the selected music program. The variation includes hits of the 60 s through to the 80 s with lashings of 70 s funk and disco.

Marmalade passed the liquid consumption test and both the drunk and sleazy tests. If any club fails any of these basic tests, they would automatically be deemed "not recommended". Warehouse also passed the cop-a-root test with an overall pickup possibility score of $97 \%$.
N.B. The 3\% failure rate was largely due to faulty equipment.

Overall comment: Test this high quality product for yourself.


## TEST REPORT

## FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Nothing to eat but food, or, What are we really eating?

This is a very weighty question, and one that the Research Team took further. We took a representative sample of a variety of foods from various reputable outlets in the Union Building.

## THE EXPERIMENT

Not only did we dissect these food samples, but we centrifuged them, subjected them to thin layer chromatography, electron microscopy and ultimately; the taste test.

The "tasters" were a randomly selected group of individuals found lurking within some of the darker corners of the Union Building.

## What we found

- Gourmet Sausayes: Despite the foreign names, these are in fact a very close relative of the very humble Australian barbie sausage with a bit of E 250 or E 251 thrown in. Extensive tests on willing students found that excessive consumption leads to the destruction of red blood corpuscles. Good for interlibrary or lecture snacks. Do not feed to children under six months.
-Lemon chlcken: Some ingredients found in our sample are not known to science, thus the long-term effects of consumption could not be determined. The preservative Propyl 4hydroxybenzoate in the deep fried, saturated fat laden outer coat may have a numbing effect on the mouth, rather like a dentist's needle. However, the uncontrolled dribbling does not occur (as after visiting the dentist) after eating as the excess salt absorbs any moisture in the mouth. Asthmatics may be particularly sensitive to lemon chicken.
- Dim sims:These unfortunates of the fast food industry have been much maligned in the past. We, however, found that although the contents are not altogether recognisable, a few dim sims with lunch settles the nervous system and controls heart palpitations. Avoid only if the ends appear to have slight green tinge.
- Hot chips: Not much is left to say about this extensively researched food. High in carbohydrates and fats. Good brain food that will provide long term
energy storage (long enough to get through three hour microbiology pracs anyway). Safe for most people to eat.


Aslan food aplenty.

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## ELECTIONS

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- Sandwiches, rolls and bagels: Whole grain bread, fresh salads and very healthy. So wholesome we were suspicious. Our doubts were confirmed when the mayonnaise was seen to glow in the dark, as did the student who agreed to eat it. Be wary.
- Chocolate chip biscuils: Little or no nutritional value. These work as an excellent anti-depressant, but if eaten too frequently, the therapeutic value is undermined.


## A SPECIAL CASE IN QUESTION: LEMON CHICKEN

We decided to further our test results on the lemon chicken. This involved feeding one group of students on the aforementioned lemon chicken for an entire week. A second group of students were fed only on a variety of seaweed extracts. At the end of the week each of the students was put in a large maze and told to find their way into the centre. The


Gourment Sausages with Forelgn Names. Chocalate Chip Cookies and the llke.
seaweed students all managed to complete the maze successfully. The lemon chicken students were seen to have great difficulties and suffered from hallucinations. The older students, who are more acclimatised to large doses of such food, coped far better than younger students who quickly become disoriented and unsure. There is a moral in this.

## CONCLUSIONS:



The Lot's of CHOICE Research Team thought the results were self-evident. Choose your food wisely with nutrition foremost in mind. It is advisable to carry out similar tests to those we have used in our research before venturing into unchartered food territory. If this proves difficult for Monash citizens, our main advice is discretion and caution at all food outlets.

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# CULTURES ON CAMPUS where do you fit in? 

> Feeling lost? Possibly lonely, depressed about your failure to find THE set where it all happens? Then why the hell are you reading this? All articles in a parody like Lot's of CHOICE will simply add to your problems. Sarcastic, vaguely humerous, all this article will do for you is make you feel worse . . . maybe even as bad as Kurt, and look where reading Lot's got him.

Wayne and Hugh have been analysing the subcultures at Monash University for the past month, noting their social skills, natural environment and mating habits. Whilst this was, at times, dangerous work, in the name of science, we soldiered on, infiltrating their packs and being accepted as one of their own. All in the name of science, this publication and a possible Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

The easiest pack to infiltrate was the Engineers - all that was needed was a flannel shirt, desert boots and substandard social skills. Bonding tightly together because no other group will take to them. Engineers are a dangerous group with many observers falling victim to death by boredom.

At the opposite end of the scale are law students - an exclusive group with rigid entry requirements - a private school education, a rich Daddy and a foreign car. Found congregating in the LSS office, Dr Wayne and Professor Hugh had trouble bonding with this group due to focal considerations - this publication's budget did not allow for Country Road sweaters or Louis Vuitton briefcases.

One of the most interesting packs is Halls students - upon extensive research

Wayne and Hugh found that of all social subspecies at Monash this particular group had the greatest difficulty adapting to their new environment. Having been brought in from their rural breeding grounds like Traralgon and Garfield they are easy to spot as the ones wandering around Chadstone hopelessly lost. In troubled times they can also be found wandering slowly back down from the Nott late at night looking for a stray sheep. If you cance upon one please tell them where to go.

An interesting group is the members of the Monash Gym. This was one area where Wayne and Hugh had no problem disguising themselves although at one stage the bulges in our shorts almost gave us away as nonsteriod users. Between bench pressing 280 lb , Wayne and Hugh noticed certain consistencies in the behaviour of these pseudo-Adonis'. Phrases such as "Lookin' good maaate" and "C'mon, just one more" abounded throughout the sweaty environment of the hall as egos inversely proportioned to IQs battled for viewing space in front of full length mirrors. After wiping the oil off our pecs and lats your eternal undergrads continued their scientific survey.

Our next target were those first year host scheme graduates night club pus-

"Ever since Kurt died we've been on a bit of downer, but researching this artcle for Lot's of CHOICE gave us a goal, something to aim for. It also opened our eyes to the wondrous variety and human warmth of Monash. Thankyou Lot's of CHOICE, thankyou for this great opportunity ..."

Wayne \& Hugh 1994

## REAL LIFE: REAL PEOPLE


(Above): Aspiring actress Mel shows off her impromptu piece "Book-loving Vampires go Monash Medicine". She is expecting interest from many top studio's for the film adaptation . . . she dreams.
companies . . . she clones.

(Above): Aspiring actress Mel shows off her impromptu piece "Looking like two people at once". She is expecting interest from many German pharmaceutical Donations can be sent to the Wayne and Hugh "My Head Hurts" recovery fund c/o The Nott.

(Above): Aspiring actress Mel shows off her impromptu . . . no, this has gone far enough. These are real people power-nerding real time in the main library. Wayne and Hugh took this photo at great personal risk; with library books seven years overdue it is dangerous for them just to enter . .

Wayne and Hugh would like to point out that learning to use the camera, like all learning processes, was painful.
sies who think they can drink. This was Wayne and Hugh's most enjoyable assignment, spending hours at, on, and under the bars of the Chevron, Chasers, Warehouse and Silvers. We found that their primary concerns were clothes, drinking and fixing their hair in the mirror behind the bar. Whilst cleverly disguised as bar stools we managed to crack (Mmmm...) the secrets of the underside ( Mmmm Mmmmmm ) of this sleazy world of fast fashion, fast money and fast food. We found that there is a definite tendency towards Thursdays as the big night out, and therefore Friday mornings was not a favoured time for lectures as most people were trying to remember who the fuck the person lying in bed next to them was and whose bed was it anyway?

In our research we have also recently uncovered a growing number of male students who have completly 'flipped'. Yes you know what we mean, they've become attached to Flippers Amusements via an umbilical cord of credits and dollar coins. Wayne and Hugh did not learn very much from these people as they do not speak very often. We did, however, learn that if you tilt Star Trek it says, "You are without honour" and that they smell of BO.

Library users shouldn't think they have escaped us either. We've been there. Hidden in your Micro-Fiche, creeping through your CD ROM and opening up your Sesame2. We have observed you in all your natural habitats. Writing jokes and naughty words on desks seems to be popular, as does placing books directly back on to the shelves in the wrong places. Falling asleep is quite big too. However we discovered that we can no longer giggle as we deface the stickers which formerly said "Library staff have been reduced. Please return books to the sorting shelves" into the much more pleasing "Library staff have been seduced. Please return books to the sorting elves", as these stickers are no longer placed on desks. Something should be done.

Fucking Hippies. Especially that bloke from the market; he knows who he is. Speaking of the market, Wayne and Hugh considered infiltrating the group of excommunicated heretics from Acland and Greville streets who make up our market, until we found out they're really from Dingley. That's when we decided that they were not worth the rubber on the soles of our shoes that would wear off as we walked through their shitful excuse for a suburb.

We decided to move on to Med students. Not enough shit gets hung on med students. That's because of their perception as clean living decent girls and boys who studied very hard at school and deservedly reaped the rewards. Wrong. Dead wrong. Wayne and Hugh have discovered an horrific sub-species dwelling behind the facade of the Medicine Faculty. They stay back late after lectures, often volunteering to clean up the cadavers for the Lecturers. They do this because it is the easiest way to get what they need - fresh blood. Correct, there exists a Vampiric subculture within the Medicine society. Beware the BioMed Library after dark.

Thankfully though, the Union Building has become a safe haven through the good work of the Students for Christ who have cleverly infiltrated the catering staff and now mix shit loads of garlic into all foods produced there. God - one. Forces of Evil and Darkness - zip.

This concludes our research for now, but beware for wherever there lurks darkness you will find us. Wherever there is wrong or injustice, we will be there. Wherever there exists bad taste you'll find the Korner Kollective.

## PINBALL GAMES

> The grandparents of Streetfighter II machines sit alongside the new generation of arcade games. Despite it's ancient origins, Pinball has withstood the test of time and the latest machines compete healthily for the gamer's dollar.

The humble pinball machine has had a mixed history. Since the initial invasion of America in the early fifties, these glass covered decks with bright gaudy paintwork, flashing lights and ringing bells have served as an outlet for pentup testosterone for the juvenile (usually male) malcontents world over. Celebrated in Tommy, villified in The Accused, the pinball reigned supreme until the advent of video. Pong came, and pinball devotees wept: a screen divided in two with a ball moving backward and forward between two sticks changed the world. . .

Next:Space Invaders, Scramble, Donkey Kong and a host of others in a run that has ended most recently with Raiden and Mortal Kombat. The pinball wizards of the past had abandoned their flippers in favour of briefcases and family cars. There were no pinball parlours, only video parlours.

Video killed the pinball star.

## Video killed the pinball star.

Ironically the technology that so nearly extinguished the pinball was responsible for providing the spark for its revival. The inclusion of digitised sound has fanned the fiery phoenix of pinball. It rises from its own ashes to the exultant cries of a new generation of apprentice wizards each frantically flipping and tilting in arcane rituals almost sexual in their nature.

Not even the devotees of group sex can appreciate the ecstasy of a Four-way Combo in the Twilight Zone.

Text taken from the voice-over of Joysticks of Glory, Tape IV "Kingpin" as presented by Murray Pierce of the Institute for the History of Recreation.


## BUZZWORDS

Wilt: The action of moving machine in order to gain advantage. Only cheats tilt

Flippers: The rubber encased, movable buffers which the player controls, that's only if the button isn't broken, of course
Beplay Score: The score at which a player wins a free credit. Variable from game to game.
Flashing Lights . Flashing Lights

Penis: The rubber encased, moveable appendage which no one controls, An estimated $97 \%$ of patrons at Ftippers Amusements owes one. Roughly 8\% know how to use them.

Wins: Only found on very old pinball games. They were the round do-hickeys that pushed the the ball away from them and sounded like old cash register bells. I guess pinball is an outdated name then really.
Capitalism - Why don't you just go and read a dictionary you lazy bastard

Deaf Dumb Blind Kid - sure plays a mean pin-ball.
Elast Starfighter - An average Disney production about a kid who is recruited to save the universe on the merits of his ability to play a particular video game. This kind of thing is pure fantasy. If you have been living in the hope that, by spending $\$ 12$ a day in Flippers Amusement you will achieve greatness and notoriety in a similar manner, forget it. It ain't gonna' happen baby. You may as well just top yourself right now.


Dr. Who
An all-time favourite.


Cue Ball Wizard
For bald magicians?


Star Trek
The next generation of pinball has arrived!

## PROFILES

## TWILIGHT ZONE

Price: $\$ 1=1$ credit $\$ 2=3$ credits. Speech/Effect Highlight: "Don't Touch the Door!" Good Points:
$\square$ Fantastic gimmicks in the Powerball, \& Battle the Power
$\square$ Rod Serling is dead

## Bad Points:

- No 'Second Chance
$\square$ Rod Serling is dead


## INDIANA JONES

Price: $\$ 1=1$ credit $\$ 2=3$ credits. Speech/Effect Highlight: The "out of ammo" clicks when you pull trigger without credits.

## Good Points:

$\square$ Great sound fx taken directly from the films.
Bad Points:
" "Path of Adventure" gimmick very ordinary.

## Jurassic Park

Price: $\$ 1=1$ credit $\$ 2=3$ credits. Good Points:
E None

## Bad Points:

Too many to mention.
Eike the plot of the film, this game was a LEMON!!!!!!!!!


Twilight Zone
Bee do dee do. Bee do dee do.

Price: $\$ 1=1$ credit $\$ 2=3$ credits. Speech/Effect Highlight: Aaaaarrrgh!!!!

## (Dalek death scream)

 Good Points: $\square$ This game will never grow old or tired: it will just regenerateThe Master's dress sense. Bad Points:
[ The Doctors' dress sense []. The tardis still doesn't work.

## Tales from the crypt

Price: $\$ 1=1$ credit/ $\$ 2=3$ credits. Speech/Effect Highlight: "Hurry! Into the crypt" Good Points:
Low replay score
$\square$ It cannot be tilted
Video display has people being decapitated by guilotines and chainsaws! Bad Points:
$\square$ It's really scary when you play by yourself.


## Indiana Jones

Whip yourself into a frenzy keeping up with the Jones'.


## LETTERS

Send your letters to Lot's of CHOICE, Arts and Crafts centre, Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton 3168. Where possible please include your home telephone number, as we may wish to contact you direct to discuss your comments or queries, and so we know when we're able to pop round and nick your microwave or video recorder for our next test article.

## EXPLODING TOASTER

At first I couldn't believe that you would print the offensive diatribe of Mr Suryan Chandarsagaren, or the Human Life Support Group. I was exteremely offended, not only by his assertion that abortion is a 'convenience' (he is obviously not a woman), and also by his linking of medical abortions to the tradgedy of the Holocaust. His implication that the cold-blooded and evil annihilation of six million living and conscious human beings is somehow comparable to the termination of the potential for life borders on racism.

However, in this case I believe that you were justified in printing it, because you didn't just hide it away in the back of the letters page. If people like this are going to be argued and debated with properly, their views, as well as facts and opinions that oppose them, need to be published. By publishing the facts about abortion (I, for one, did not realise that it is still illegal to have an abortion in Australia), you gave his article the context that a reasoned debate needs. I would like to see an important issue such as this debated with reason and facts, not with the emotional dishonesty peddled by Suryan and many other right-to-lifers.

Lisa Brennan - Science 3

## WHALING - A REPLY FROM NORWAY

I was dissappointed by the bias exhibited in the last edition of Lot's Wife. The title of my letter was 'Think' not 'Think?'. I also cannot see why the editors decided to print a large article next to it with the massive title 'Think Again!', I don't object to the editors having views on abortion. However, I do object to their using space for articles and advertisements to push those virews. The only legitimate place for those views is the Editorial.

It was also sad to see that the newspaper obviously has such difficulty finding advertisers that there was enough empty space to publish more 'ruling class' propaganda on coat hangers. Abortion is digusting; one only has to look at pictures of what's left of the unborn child after every abortion to feel sickened. The sight of the little hands and feet lying in a pool of blood strengthens my 28
resolve and no amount of intimidation or bias is going to stop me from speaking out against the sad and sickening practise that has no place in any civilised sociaety.

On the door of your office, a poster proudly proclaims: "under VSU, Lot's Wife may cease to exist". If student's money is being spent to promote the personal political views of the editors, then that may not be a bad thing. It may force the editors to be more responsible and accountable if students could choose whether or not to buy the paper. Wouldn't it be an empowering experience for students? Who knows? However, I strongly urged the editors to do their job properly and stay true to their electoral promise to be fair and unbiased. If they can't even live up to those basic job requirements, I don't see how they can expect any support from students.

## Suryan Chandrasagaren, Treasurer

 Human Life Support Group
## TOO HOT DONUT

## Dear Fraser Cameron,

It is common courtesy to get your facts right before accusing people of doing certain things. It is with this in mind that I wish you to note several inaccuracies in your letter to Lot's (28/2)

- During the enrolment period people were in fact asked to sign a petition, handing out material was in fact a secondary task. You also seem to have no idea about what was said to first years or even what VSU is about. This leads me to the question whether you were even present, or did your political taskmasters in Lot's Wife (ALP), tell you what to write?
- First year students were asked to sign a petition objecting to being forced to join a union. At no time was any first year told not to pay their union fee or even told not to join the union when it became voluntary in the future. Most campaigners even praised the union for some of the services it provided, even though they objected being forced to join.
- According to you it's all right to make a first year fork out $\$ 330$ in union fees (purposely disguised as an amenities fee) without even knowing what they are paying for. However it's not all right simply to inform students of what they are being forced to do.
- Despite your warped ideas first year stu-

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dents are smart enough to be able to read a petition and understand what it says. Students who signed a petition (a total of 3330) understood the principles of freedom of choice and association that were being broken by the Union and the University.

- MAS are the ones deceiving students. Whilst criticising us for petitioning first years, they themselves had a petition going. Not only were they being hypocritical but the petition hid its true Compulsory Unionism message hidden behind such lingo as "student control of student money" and "common funds". MAS also had the petition placed in such a way that they believed that they were signing for a showbag when they signed the petition. Either MAS doesn't trust students to make the 'correct' choice or it simply doesn't believe that it is value for rmoney and must then deceive students into supporting forced membership.
- Many students petitioning during enrolments had in fact run in MAS elections. This is not at all hypocritical as we are being forced to join this association and if this is the situation we would as much say in how it is run as possible. At all times we are acting in the interests of students, unlike the supporters of CSU who act with themselves and their political groups in mind.
- No person who ran on Vision had in anyway any connection to the VSU activities during enrolments. Speaking of Vision, isn't it how funny the person getting the most out of MAS and compulsory unionism, Janoel (she gets $\$ 18,000$ ) is the one fighting hardest to keep forcing students to join unions against their will.

So Fraser Cameron, apologise to Vision, apologise to me and the other human rights campaigners and most importantly before you open your big mouth again, get the facts right!

Max Lipovetsky

Unfortunately, due to the large number of letters received and the limited space in this edition there remains a number of letters unpublished. Letters which have had to be omitted in this edition will appear in the next Lot's.

## WOODCHUCK PROBLEM SOLVED

Recently whilst campaigning for the introduction of VSU, myself and a fellow campaigner were approached by a prominent member of both the Mullers and Packers and Clubs and Societies Executives. We were told that " . . . certain people over there" (pointing in the direction of the Union Building and Lot's Wife) were becoming quite touchy about VSU and were considering physical violence against us. I replied that we were opposed to physical violence in any form. We were then told that this was just a "friendly warning". The conversation ended there.

Why are those opposed to VSU considering becoming violent?

Are these people so determined to keep their well paying jobs that they are prepared to bash students with differing points of view?

Are these people scared of losing the funding their political clubs and parties receive?

Are these people frustrated because students are refusing to 'rise up and overthrow the fascist government' that will bring in VSU?

What I found curious about this thinly veiled threat was that it was not made by the International Socialists, the usual harbingers of violence into student politics, but by a member of the Labor
controlled Mullers and Packers. Are the usually 'non-fanatical' Labor hacks finally loosing their cool? Or do they know the end is in sight for the thousands of dollars of student money they have sucked out of MAS and Lot's Wife. Only time will tell, but until then I will be carrying a 'club lock' in the car, for as any police horse will tell, there is nothing as violent as a Unionist about to lose his well paid job.

Dave Sargeant - Com II

## TAPE RECORDER ATE WIFE

I am writing to vent my disgust at the disrespectful treatment afforded to a fellow student by one of your editors in edition 6. I am, of course, referring to editor Leanne Paton's objectionable mis-use of editorial power in attempting to humiliate Suryan Chandrasegaran for his article to abortion.

From the beginning, I wish to make it clear that I am in no way buying into the abortion debate. Due to my lack of knowledge on the issue, I give no support to either pro nor anti-abortion arguments. My sole reason for writing is to comment on the coverage the issue was given.

Suryan merely asked students to think about this important societal issue from his point of view. Unfortunately for Suryan, his views were different to those of editor Leanne. Before stu-
dents could think on his comments, Leanne saw fit to use (abuse) her power (and talent for gutter journalism) to instantly, and remorselessly, coerce student opinion to match her own. The article "Think Again!" and the 'advertisement' "Coat Hangers?" (which I, and I am sure many others, have found to be totally offensive and unwarranted) shows that Leanne has never heard of, or possibly rejects the notion of balanced and objective editorial policy.

This attack on an article that they disagree with is surprising, considering that Lot's editors continually claimed that they try to present fair coverage.

This disgraceful attack on an article submitted by one concerned student, seeking merely to encourage debate, forces us to ask to what extent does our student newspaper encourage the sacred right to freedom of speech? And, what can we do. to improve this?

Simon Price - Arts I

## BROWN DOG BATTERY PROBLEM

Isn't it strangely ironic that on the day of the Holocaust Memorial service, the German Club held a BBQ?

Sophia Spinelli - Arts IV

> Pizza Haven is a proud supporter of your newspaper.

## DOUG ELLIS OBITUARY

The Monash University Community was
saddened by the loss of Doug Ellis on Friday
15th April.
Doug, long-time director of the Sports and
Recreation Association retired late last year
due to illness.
See the next edition of Lot's Wife for a
special tribute.

## mas Activities

Value for your 50 cents or is it really worth your while? Our investigative team came up with the following facts . . . By Nick Welsh.

S
o far this year, our indepth investigation team has found incredible discounts and free events and products on offer at the Monash Uni Clayton campus. To be eligible, people need only be members of MAS and pay $\$ 38$ at the start of the year as part of the Amenities Fee. Of this, 50 cents ends up in the coffers of Activities.

Research indicates that bands that appear as Union Night bands at other universities feature as a part of the regular Monash lunchtime activities. Such acts include Curtis Late and Jimi The Human, a Monash favourite!

Studies indicate that with even the minimal funding, Activities is unable to present as full a range of events it would like to. A particular example was the abolition of The Cellar due to lack of MAS and student support.

However, in recent developments, due to hard work by present and previous MAS representatives such as Paul Drew and Nick McCaffery as well as other Union Staff and Jo Curtis, a Bar has been approved and will be constructed at the West end of the Union by the end of this year. Congratulations to all and no doubt more will be said by Activities.

More featured events include the return of the favourite Green Week events and the National Band Competition. Gabby Ackland has been appointed the Coordinator of the Band Competition, so come to the Office to talk to her about entry details of the Competition.

Other scheduled events that Activities proposes to be involved in are the upcoming Mannix Ball, "Pandemonium!", tickets on sale soon, and the

MYE Engineering Ball late next Semester, as well as the hoped for Festival Union Night after Green Week.

Luckily, Activities has not fallen prey to confidence tricksters like the Nirvana Shot Gun Scam or the Crowded House With A Spare Property Investment Con.

Once again Activities puts on another Union Night on the 5th of May, featuring Things of Stone and Wood, as they start their National Tour! This makes this Semester one of the most action packed with three Union Nights, three BBQs and at least one free event a week so far. Estimated savings come to $\$ 20$ so far, all for a 50 c outlay!

So don't miss out as Activities maintains the great entertaiment, the best so far this year with Curtis Late, Jimi and another Union Night: tickets on sale now!

## CONSUMER VALUE AT CONCERTS AND EVENTS

## THINGS OF STONE \& WOOD and guests <br> Thursday 5th May doors open 8pm Full Bar and Hot Food Avaliable

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## PLUS

## JIMI the HUMAN 12 May

## CONSUMER BOOKSHELF



## CRITIQUE OF MONASHIAN ARCHITECTURE

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\$12.96, Paperback, 118pp
Woof, woof, woof, grrr, gerrrrrrr, bark, grrr, yip.


MY FRIEND DAVE - JANOEL LIDDY \$10.14, Paperback, 118 pp
This hilariously amusing collection of Janoel's chair reports is a readable and enjoyable example of her wit. We've left the bits about Dave in this time.


GREAT RESTAURANTS OF THE WORLD - THE GRILL ROOM
\$17.91, Paperback, 14.8pp
Officially renamed the "West End Caf", the Grill Room was of the most cunningly named restaurants ever everything was fried. Learn the best food, the best seats and the best people to hang with in the Grill Room.

## ONE-DAY ROAD TEST: SPORT

## SPECTATOR SPORT ROADTEST

> Once again, Lot's of CHOICE brings you our regular weekly Road Test column that has appeared in every previous publication of Lot's of CHOICE (ie none). However Ash' ''r rasese felt the urge to pass on their infinite wisdom, well... maybe... grossly biased to the rest of the sporting public. With some further ado, let us introduce our Spectator Sport Road Test copyright).
> The views represented in this test are in no way indicative of the price of a serving of lemon chicken. Well, that was the ado, so now without further ado, here it is.


Ash ' $n$ ' Frase - Sport Researchers

## CATEGORIES

## YOBBO FACTOR (YF)

This is the potential for hooliganism, drunkenness, streaking and singing "Two all... two all beef patties".

## MEXICAN WAVE (MW)

When Speedy Gonzales bids you farewell.

## WATCHABILITY (Wat.)

How well your Swiss timepiece can play each sport.

## STOPPAGES (Stopp.)

When you read a book and feel you're getting tired, these are when you stop reading.

## EXCITEMENT (Exc.)

not boredom.

## SCORING (Sco.)

Something lots of people claim to do when, strangely enough, none of their friends are around to witness it.

## WORLD-WIDE POPULARITY (WWP)

Nsxh, wjkl morbeyelsha k lmq meeks ohj!!!!!!

|  | YF | MW | Wat. | Stopp. | Exc. | Sco. | WWP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Football | 7 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
| Tennis | 5 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| Golf | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| Rugby | 7 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| Hockey | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Soccer | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 9 |
| Netball | 3 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Basketball | 4 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| Baseball | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Cricket | 8 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 |

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

## FOOTBALL

Scored highly because we're obsessed with it.
Pros - Australian, racy, spectacular and has Justin Madden
Cons - Male dominated, high injury rate and has Karl Langdon

## CRICKET

We don't like Cricket... uh, oh no... we think its all right, especially one-dayers. Pros - Fanre De Villiers, Bill Lawry, Stump Cam.
Cons - Selectors not selecting Deano, Tony Grieg, Pakistanis.

## TENNIS

Solid Performer, good to see women's 5 set matches.
Pros - Temper tantrums, different playing fields.
Cons - Dickheads whistling, Flushing Meadows, clay courts.

## RUGBY UNION

Always moving, full of clashes and severed limbs.
Pros - Rucks, mauls, eye gouging, high level of participation, injuries. Cons - Male dominated, requiring durable athletes, leaves permanent injuries.

## SOCCER

Worldwide popularity with religious devotion to clubs and lots of kissing.
Pros-English people beating each other up Cons - Argentina, Diego Maradona, drugs, US hosting World Cup.

## HOCKEY

Needs more violence and goalkeepers with no protection.
Pros - Can hurt people with sticks; no kissing after goals.
Cons - Aust. always comes second, no kissing after goals.

## NETBALL

Ball moves in a blur and Aust. kicks arse. Pros-Aust. dominates, not many injuries Cons - Wear bibs, needing to be reminded of where they're playing

## BASKETBALL

Fastest growing sport with fastest growing athletes!!
Pros - Slam Dunks, Shaq, Andrew Gaze Cons - Pointless time-out entertainment, stoppage every other second.

## BASE BALL

HOMER SIMPSON - "I never realised just how boring this sport is".
Pros - Homer Simpson, men throwing peanuts, all in brawls
Cons- Men spitting, games go forever.

So you think you are a hip, happening Monash dudester? You think this issue has broadened your mind, opened your eyes and let you smell the coffee? Take the 'Choice' challenge and find out.

A Flipper is:
a) An egg cooking utensil
b) A strange inhabitant of cyberreality in a corner of the Union c) A friendly dolphin

The strange grey erections dotted around campus are:
a) Relics from the last Trekkie convention
b) Son of Ming Wing
c) An attempt at poster control

2. What is the KORNER

KOLLECTIVE?
a) Warm, fuzzy, all round gregarious dudes
b) The Amy Grant fanclub
c) A Satanic plot to overrun the

West End Caf.

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First years can be distinguished by: a) The nervous twitch of their nostril
b) The light of shining enthusiasm in their eyes before they encounter Stats 101
c) Their lying paralytic on the bathroom floor of Host Scheme Camps at 9 pm .

The top ten commandments of law students include:
a) Thou shalt possess a designer briefcase.
b) Thou shalt adorn thy face with fake tan to resemble oompa loompas
c) Thou shalt moot
d) Thou shalt be able to count to ten.

The fashion statement of Winter '94 is:
a) Purple mohair beanies
b) Come fuck me boots that are designed to be left on
c) Too much Country Road is never enough daaarling
d) Fully recycled, soles made of tyres, Reeboks that cost $\$ 200$.

7 Why was SILVERS chosen by the ECCS for its inaugural function?
a) The predominance of Roger David fashion victims
b) Its sleazy ancients with designer goatees
c) The staircase that is incompatible with your blood alcohol level


Monash is officially a Class Two
University because:
a) We have more campuses that McDonalds has franchises
b) It is home to some odious people sprouting on about that strange acronym - VSU
c) The Hargrave Caf nutures a strange breed of student.

## ANSWERS

We hate to disappoint you, but as any person worth their salt knows, the ultimate answer is 42 . All else is irrelevant.

## If you can dial a phone, you should be able to program a video.



No, really.
If you need some expensive electronic device to enter the start and stop time of your favorite shows, then perhaps it might be easier for you to go to the nearest hospital and demand a brain transplant which will be slightly less expensive and might help you to realise that anyone with half a brain knows that all commercial television is a load of crap anyway.


## RECALS AND BANS

If you find a recall or ban not on our list, just shut-up about it because we were probably paid a lot of money not to mention it in the first place.

WAXY-LOVE COTTON BUDS, fitted with the special wax seeking device, so all you have to do is hold it to your ear have been recalled due to device having gone horribly wrong and actually burrowing its way through your aural tract and into the brain where it proceeds to devour your cerebral hemispheres.

Certain ZARRACHI DISHWASHERS, models ZR107 through to ZR2000, have been recalled as it has been belatedly discovered that upon filling them with dirty crockery, putting powder in and switching them on, they begin to hum, in a rich melodious Baritone, Beethoven's 9th. Unfortunately, rather than do this and wash your dishes; upon opening it after the cycle, one is presented with a full, piping hot main meal laid out on the crockery that was in there.

There has been a ban on all the ELLE MACPHERSON line of underwear as it has been discovered that unless you're a five-foot-eleven size 8 stunner, with large breasts and perfect skin, the stuff just doesn't fit. This has caused widespread depression in the Wollongong area and as a result the line has been stopped. Miss Macpherson is quoted as being... "stupid".

A swift recall has been made 2 years after the release of SHAFTWELL FEATHERFLIGHT condoms. They don't work.
A ban has been imposed on FLEUR LIBRASTYLE SANITARY NAPKINS WITH WINGS. Unfortunately the little beggars seem to be wanting to fly north for winter. This has given a few unfortunate women a very nasty turn indeed. Advice from Fleur is to let 'em go without a fight, and even try to tag your own so that migration patterns can be studied in detail.

IMAPRIC HBASTARD TOYS has recalled its entire range of electric powered, motorised cars for toddlers as they have deemed it unfair for all the other little kids who can't afford one.

The 3MU CELLAR NIGHT held on Thursday April 21 has been recalled by Pete Freeland, Station Manager 3MU. If your memory, like many others, has failed, go ask him what happened. He was sober.

SMITH AND WESSON has recalled its entire range of guns. If aimed at people and discharged, these products can, apparently, cause serious injury.

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Well, actually you can ignore this bit because we have noone on our panel. This is just to make it look like the tests performed inside are legitimate. So stop reading. It's very rude to read something that's not addressed to you. If you read this bit your eyelids could fuse shut next time you blink. Well that's what my Mother said would happen next time I read my sisters diary.

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