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BEHIND THE SYLLABUS

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What do you do during the weekends?

Weather permitting, I spend lots of weekend time in my very large organic vegetable garden. Weather not permitting, I do class prep, believe it or not.

What's the craziest thing you did when you were in college?

I did way too many crazy things. The stupidest crazy thing I ever did was as assistant editor of the college paper. I suggested the Chairman of the Board of Trustees should step down because he was a convicted felon. I was wrong; he had pled "no contest" to tax evasion, so technically he had not been convicted. Moral of story: When denouncing powerful people, be precise.

What's one thing your students would never guess about you?

My students know almost everything about me, but maybe one thing they don't know is that I have an entire room in my house decorated with Xena Warrior Princess memorabilia.



Professor Ladelle McWhorter in 1982, sitting in a rope chair.



McWhorter at a sidewalk café in New York City. Her research focuses on political theory and queer theory.

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby!

Dear Sally,

I invited a guy I've been hanging out with to Ring Dance, and we're sharing a room at The Jefferson Hotel with my roommate and her boyfriend. I'm worried, with the drinking and all, that things could get really weird, really fast once everyone settles in for the night. I don't want to be a bitch, but I DEFINITELY do not want to be hearing any noises from their bed. How should I bring it up?

— Ragin' Roomie

Dear Roomie,

Sexin' and room-sharing can be a major issue in any situation, but Ring Dance has prom-style expectations. No one wants to end a supposedly magical evening with a scarring sneak peek into the sex lives of others. Because you already know the situation is volatile, the key is to have a preventative talk with your roommate. If you guys jive well enough to willingly share your own little corner of The Jefferson, then I'm sure she won't be completely insensitive to your concerns. Explain that you don't want your date to feel uncomfortable and you're sure she values her privacy as well, so you'd appreciate it if they kept things PG while you're in the room. If she is dead set on getting her romance on, work out a schedule with her ahead of time and pinky swear each other that you'll stick to it. No one wants to be unable to make eye contact with each other at brunch, so keep things chill.

Love,
 Sally

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TEXT HALL OF SHAME

What your fellow students are texting about

(212): your vampire marks are finally going away
 (415): glad to hear you got those weird moles removed

(678): just jumped in the laskkeee

(484): I have a hickey from q camp... Who am I???

(212): you make it to class?
 (614): noo corpse in bed

(917): I think about her everytime i bend over in a dark closet.

(212): don't worry I was a black out mess. Said I'd have sex with some guy in an igloo if the igloo lasted a week...



? of the WEEK

By Liz McAvoy

What is the best or worst thing about the snow?



SENIOR

Mike Kirn

Best: "Snow football."



FRESHMAN

Alyson Garst

Worst: "Having it take 40 minutes to get to class."



SOPHOMORE

Sam Hyland

Best: "The drunk sledding."



SOPHOMORES

Brigid Beitel/Lily Ackerman

Best: "The snowy Fraturdays."



FRESHMAN

Erin Lane

Worst: "You Fall."