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Dear Student,

We are pleased to welcome you to McGill University. The next few years of your life will be challenging, demanding, and rewarding. You now stand at the junction of childhood and adulthood, of immature nights drenched in illegally consumed alcohol and mature evenings drenched in legally obtained alcohol. No longer will you have the luxury of smoking weed in your parents' basement while playing video games – you will now have to do it in your two-bedroom apartment while typing a ten page essay. This is the dawn of your maturity, a time of newfound responsibility, bourgeoning interests, and consequence-free sexual experimentation.

Frosh and Orientation might be thought of as your last hurrah at freedom – an easy and simple time before you sink into the cavernous depths of post-secondary education. In this issue of The Red Herring we have included a guide to help you navigate your future at McGill. Cherish this time and make memories that you won't be able to remember come the morning-after of Fall Semester. Carpe Diem. Down that extra jello shot, talk up that looker at the foam party, and chug, CHUG that ice-cold beverage, because soon substance abuse and sexual freedom won't be such a wholesome way to pass the time, but the only the means to escape the cycle of anxiety and GPA's that are your next four years.

So lick that salt, down that drink and get ready to suck on the sour teat of academia. These will surely prove to be the greatest, worst years of your life.

Le'chaim,

The Editors in Chief



A guide to the Important places at McGill



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1. Gerts Bar - Hidden in the basement of the Shatner building, you'll find Gerts. Its awesome...ly awkward and stingy. But, dude, my band is totally playing there and there might be old guys at the bar, but dude, its sick.
2. McLennan Library - Here you will spend your last days before you die.
3. Burnside Basement - If you're into math, ch-ch-check it out. If not, never go here or you might get sucked into a doom of nerdiness.
4. The Y-Intersection - Go here for important events, but actually to have people sell you cupcakes to raise money for Africa.
5. The Lobby of Leacock - Here is a great place to buy cheap samosas from a club fundraiser and to wait for your waste of time class with 5,000 other kids in the nearby ring of hell that is Leacock 132.
6. IDK - I think there's like a nuclear reactor or something in here.
7. Forbes Field - Come here to watch the football team lose games. The CFL's Alouettes also play here... so that's pretty chill.
8. Tomlinson Field House - Come here to fail your final exams.
9. Milton Gates - Yo, bro, there's a sick DJ playing at CLub Se7en this Friday, you gotta be there. Here's a flyer... just take it... I don't care if you don't want it

You tire of the PBR and decide to reminisce about earlier McGill days with Boreale, but soon realize how gross it is and have flashback of frosh and Carnival and return to your delicious PBR.



Unable to fathom drinking more Boreale after Frosh, you decide you are now a grown-up and deserve to drink something more "delicious" and foreign.



The Official Red Herring Cycle of College Beer Drinking.



You soon realize that 40s are just too gross and you're not thug enough to handle it. You go for MTL's cheapest and most hipster option and decide never to look back.



You soon realize Heineken isn't actually good and is way too expensive and switch to the more fiscally prudent and street credible alternative of the "40".

Quiz: Which McGill Club Should You Join?

1. I would describe myself as:
 - a) An outgoing individual with a penchant for cravats who always speaks from the diaphragm
 - b) An outsider with a penchant for self-flagellation in the name of a higher cause who consorts normally with a select set of likeminded individuals
 - c) Really into dishes...china...paper...whatever
 - d) A slave to my New York, smart-ass, liberal humor
2. An ideal evening for me would entail:
 - a) Steel wool, Palmolive, and a whole lotta patience
 - b) Arpeggios, synchronized movement and period costumes
 - c) Putting on a collar and begging for mercy
 - d) Making fun of other people's ideal evenings
3. I respect people who are:
 - a) Submissive, obedient and expect to be punished for their transgressions
 - b) Victorian librettists
 - c) Adept with a scrub brush and have calloused hands
 - d) Carrot Top

Score: 1. A) 0, B) 1, C) 2, D) 3; **2.** A) 2, B) 0, C) 1, D) 3; **3.** A) 1, B) 0, C) 3, D) 2

Results:

- 0 – 2 Points: The Savoy Society
- 3 – 5 Points: Fetish and Kink Enthusiasts
- 3 – 5 Points: Campus for Christ
- 6 – 8 Points: Plate Club
- 9 Points: The Red Herring

CLASSIFIED ADS

Cultural studies major seeking gender-neutral companionship. Individuals must be free from ideological hegemonic constraints of capitalist ideology and critical of the dichotomy of western imperialism yet subversive to the conventional norms of post-colonial academic discourse. But please, nobody pretentious or judgmental.

(514-932-8762)

My name is Justin Bieber. I am looking for a cool girl to hang out with and sing about. If you would like to be my girlfriend meet me in the park once your parents have gone to bed.

No fat chicks.

(514-910-8464)

Remember me? Last weekend I bought you a shot at that loud club thinking you'd at least make out with me. We danced a bit. I tried to yell something to you but you didn't hear me. I said you owe me \$4.50.

(514-903-1462)

THE FISHBEIN GROUP

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

(MSW) Dragon tamer seeking like-minded female to talk about dragon breeding and heraldry.

(514-526-0062)

Group of friends containing 20+ attractive, intelligent, single girls desperately seeking male friends in order to "improve the ratio." Need to be available for pre-drinks and other instances of social interaction. Only requirement: must have male genitalia. Social ineptness, physical and personal unattractiveness, blatant misogyny all considered acceptable. Willing to sit around and watch you play videogames. Seriously. We'll take anyone.

(MSW) Twelve year old pubescent boy seeking 'Roger Rabbit'-style cartoon babe for sex slave. Being a sexy human-animal hybrid, i.e. *Space Jam's* Lola Bunny, not a problem.

(514-654-7825)

(514-867-5309)

Twice weekly Gary Coleman memorial support group. The death of an acting 'giant' has left a gaping hole in all our hearts.

(MSM) I am often described as a cross between Danny Devito as The Penguin and Danny Devito in 'Junior'. I clean up dog doo in the park. I am self employed. If the idea of Danny Devito smoking cigars and making wise cracks while cleaning up dog doo with an over-sized shovel (probably just for the hell of it) is sexy to you, you are the man for me.

(514-625-8710)

BEAUTIFUL STUDIO FOR RENT!!!

Right next to/on campus. Spacious studio tent available in Three Bares Park. Some cold drafts in winter time and a fair amount of animal traffic. Also, live-ins, you're gonna get live-ins. UNBEATABLE LOCATION. Seconds away from class. Only minutes away from hospital – watch out for animal attacks, hobo attacks and frost bite LOL ;). Only \$1,200 a month. GREAT DEAL.

Ask for HMB

(514-114-8863)

No Midgets.

Mon/Fri 18:30-21:00,
Community Center

(514-127-5656)

YOUR AD HERE

GREAT EXPOSURE TO
MANY INTERESTED
CLIENTS

Find us in Shatner Rm.
417

Fun-ghi looking for fellow Biologist who will totally "s" my "d". All that is required is that you are a biology major, will "s" my "d", have a lab coat, and are a girl... in decreasing importance. DTF is also a plus.

I'm not *that* ugly.

(514-665-9893)

WANT TO WRITE FOR US????

Check us out at Activities Night, or

email us: mcgill.red.herring@gmail.com