

Student Love

Sex Issue 2022





Letter from the Editor: Why we do the sex issue

Dear readers,

Since taking over as the StudLife editor-in-chief last April, I have dreaded the creation of Student Love — what you probably know better as the Sex Issue.

I signed up for this role because of a desire to help inform the Washington University community and help create a better campus, not to decide how much of a butt crack was okay for us to print or which kinks were “most deserving” of making their way into our two page spread of sex survey data.

Yet here we are: another year, another Sex Issue. And why do we do it? That’s a very reasonable question to ask, especially of an organization that otherwise takes itself quite seriously (sometimes to a fault, I will be the first to acknowledge). It’s also a question I’ve wrestled with a lot over the last few weeks as our staff

has worked to put the Sex Issue together.

The first part of my answer is that my friends on this newspaper would have sought to behead me had we canceled the sex issue. This special edition is something people look forward to each year like little else (there’s one staff member — I won’t name her, but many of you will know — whose display name in our Slack workspace is literally “Senior Sex Editor”).

But there’s so much more to it than just the people on the paper. Our community members have been through a lot over the past few years. The pressures and stressors on Washington University students these days seem to keep building and building without stopping. Without a doubt, tensions on campus are high now. So my hope is that the sex issue presents an opportunity for us to take a step back from the stresses of daily

life to come together. To laugh at someone’s embarrassing stories, to wonder at those brave souls who have engaged in sexual acts in the DUC showers and to appreciate the roles that sex, love and relationships play (or, for some people, do not play — that is okay, too!) in our lives.

So I hope that you enjoy reading the sex issue! As always, if you have any thoughts or concerns related to the work we do, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by emailing editor@studlife.com or filling out the feedback forms on our website.

Whether you are wooing a boo or hunkering down in Olin Library as you await the release of DataMatch, I wish you only the happiest and safest of Valentine’s Day weekends. Thank you for your readership!

Best,
Matthew

Campus and St. Louis safer sex resources

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EDITOR

Frisky Fridays is a program created by Habif that provides a safe, confidential space to speak to sexual health expert and ask questions about safer sex and pleasure.

Bear Necessities
The store sells an over the counter Plan B alternative, though this is pricey. If you need an emergency contraceptive right away, be prepared to drop over \$30 here.

Laundry rooms
Most dorm laundry rooms contain free condom dispensers, which the University refills. Often, these can be empty, so do not rely on them, but they are a convenient resource when they are stocked.

WHEN - Women’s Health and Wellness Network
The Women’s Health and Wellness Network (WHEN) is a WashU student group that focuses on topics related to women’s sexual, physical and mental health through education and service.

WashU PPGN - Planned Parenthood Generation Action
The WashU chapter of Planned Parenthood Generation Action works to form a community on campus

through reproductive justice and sexual health education.

STL Sex Positive St. Louis
An organization that allows for people in the St. Louis area to learn about and discuss their sexuality and ask questions. Through events and a living resource library, Sex Positive St. Louis works to create a more sex positive St. Louis community.

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Online date disasters

Stories of dating app meetups gone awry.



I was in the middle of sexting this girl when all of the sudden she switched gears and started talking about the corn-bread she was making.



My friend signed me up for Farmer's Only as a homosexual farmer. I received dick pics almost immediately.



He told me he had someone really important he wanted me to meet. He proceeded to pull out a stuffed dinosaur and demanded I say hello.



Outing Club.

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The Student Life staff 2021-2022.

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About the survey

The statistics in this survey are based on the answers of 939 WashU students who took our survey from Jan. 23 – Feb. 9. The group included:

248 first-years
235 sophomores
199 juniors
180 seniors
16 5th-year or older
61 graduate students

939 responses

53% women
41% men
4% nonbinary
3% genderqueer
2% gender-fluid
1% agender
.2% bigender

905 responses

60% straight
23% bisexual
9% queer
5% gay
5% questioning
3% asexual
3% lesbian
3% pansexual

905 responses

62% Art Sci
14% Engineering
9% Business
7% Art + Architecture
3% Social Work
1% Medicine
1% Law
1% UCollege

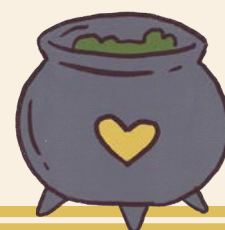
901 responses

Do you practice safe hex?

Top 5 types of protection

External condoms: 71%
Hormonal BC: 48%
Pull-out method: 29.38%
IUD: 21%
Plan B: 15%

531 responses



You blow my horn

Scan for some sexy tunes



84% of students listen to music while having sex.

531 responses

Top 5 dating apps

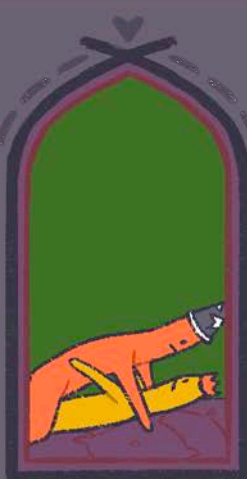
Tinder 57 %
Bumble 36 %
Hinge 29 %
Snapchat 23 %
Datamatch 22 %

28% of people have never used a dating app

673 responses

Lance me daddy

Most popular sex positions



Missionary



Doggy



Cowgirl



Reverse Cowgirl

35% of WashU students have been tested for an STI



Romantic pursuits

Are you in a relationship? 880 RESPONSES

37% Yes
40% No
13% It's complicated

Do you want to be in a relationship? 871 RESPONSES

80% Yes
20% No

How many relationships have you had during college? 878 RESPONSES

37% No relationships
40% One relationship
13% Two relationships
10% Three or more



Halt Sin



How to joust for their heart

- 1 Kiss her on the forehead and then don't text her for exactly four days.
- 2 Being direct. I told a guy right after a party that I've always wanted him to be my drunk makeout and he was in my bed the next morning.
- 3 "Omg your hands are so big!" Guys love that sh*t.
- 4 Giving oral in general. Giving pleasure to others is a great way to make sure your partner is happy.
- 5 Biting ears — super hot.



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your kinks, our favorites



Who has copulated most?

Sex by grade:



Freshmen: **59%**
Sophomore: **66%**
Junior: **77%**
Senior: **85%**
5th year senior or older: **91%**
Graduate student: **78%**

Sex by school:



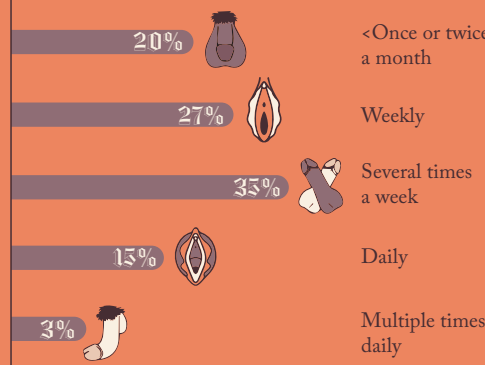
Art + Architecture: **67%**
ArtSci: **70%**
Business: **71%**
Engineering: **78%**

90%
of students
**mas-
tur-
bate**

727 responses

How frequently?

640 responses



Top 5 sex toys

706 responses



Cockring



Handcuffs



Dildo

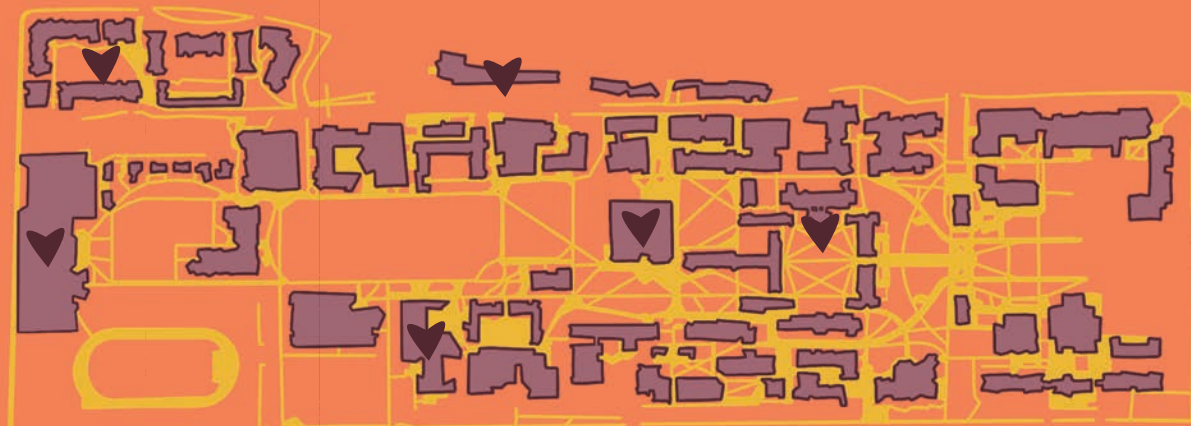


Buttplug



Vibrator

Where on campus have you knocked swords?



Danforth Campus



Honorable mentions:

Mudd field
Swamp Playground
East End Fountain
Francis Olympic Stadium
Baseball field
The Bunny

Any academic building: 32%
Any elevator on campus: 14%
Any laundry room on campus: 9%
Any parking garage on campus: 18%
Athletic complex: 7%
Brookings quad orchestra pit: 4%
DUC - showers: 6%
DUC - rest of building: 5%
Olin Library - stacks: 8%
Olin Library - study rooms: 6%
Residential areas - common rooms: 37%
Residential areas - hammocks: 11%
Residential areas - study rooms: 22%
The roof of any building: 10%
Other: 31%

339 responses

You
thought
64%
of students
have had
sex...

834 responses

but
72%
have
actually
had sex!

839 responses

What movie doesn't have a SEX SCENE that should have a SEX SCENE

Cars

This answer is completely based on my need to understand the lore behind “Cars” the movie. How do they reproduce? What type of car is born when two different models procreate? Was Lightning McQueen bred for racing? There was obviously sexual tension between Sally and McQueen, so why not elaborate on that for the understanding of viewers? This is just the tip of the iceberg of “Cars” conspiracies, but it would clear the air on a lot of undiscussed topics.

Gracie Hime
Senior Cadenza Editor



The Knight Before Christmas

This movie is exactly what you'd expect from a Netflix original Christmas rom-com – obscenely mediocre. It involves knights, time travel, Stockholm Syndrome and Vanessa Hudgens. There's humor, too. When I watched it with my friends over winter break, we were hoping for chemistry. You don't get that. You don't root for the couple. A sex scene would have changed that and made this movie a hit from a plot

and marketing standpoint. But no. No sex scene for those of us who dedicated 92 minutes to this dumpster fire. This movie made me the bitter and jaded person I am today.

Ved Patel
Junior Copy Editor



Free Solo

Free Solo revolves around Alex Honnold's daring, adrenaline-filled climb of El Capitán, the 3,000-foot granite monolith in Yosemite. The entire time, tension builds slowly until the climax — the day he does it. You know what other kind of tension must've been simmering? Even though this is a documentary, you can't convince me that Honnold and his then-girlfriend didn't have “I might die tomorrow” goodbye sex the night before he attempted the ascent. Also, he's got the typical climber 8-pack and a whole box of ropes under his bed. No way that doesn't get a little steamy at least a few times during the nearly three years it took Jimmy Chin to make the documentary.

Via Poolos
Senior Scene Editor



Avengers: Infinity War

I just feel like with the combination of species, personalities and vices in any given Marvel movie, the addition of a sex scene — orgy? — would be the equivalent of a kink smorgasbord. (Of course, excluding the minors — so, Peter Parker and... I guess... Groot?). There's probably already pages upon pages of depraved AO3 smut for every conceivable pairing anyway — why not capitalize on it? If I'm going to sit down for two and a half hours to watch CGI robots help CGI mutants fight CGI aliens, I may as well get some bang for my buck.

Jamila Dawkins
Senior Forum Editor



Paddington Two

For a brief, beautiful moment last year, “Paddington 2” was the highest rated movie of all time on Rotten Tomatoes. I know what you're all thinking: “As it should be!” Tragically, the discovery of a negative BBC Radio review from 2017 knocked

it down to a measly 99% fresh rating. Maybe a tasteful sex scene could have pushed it back over the edge. Here's to hoping “Paddington 3” looks a bit more like the “Ted” films.

Jaden Statenstein
Senior Multimedia Editor



The Princess Bride

This movie has been my answer for most Cadenza staff lists over the last few years, but if there was ever one it satisfied, this would be it. A sex scene could go in so many places: to augment the oft-lacking chemistry between Westley and Buttercup, for example! To demonstrate the ties that bind Miracle Max and Carol Kane as they shout “Have fun storming the castle” into the distance. I'm mostly kidding with that second one, but just imagine the possibilities. What if instead of some stupid wine logic game, Vizzini tries to seduce the Dread Pirate Roberts with charm and abs? Have you ever considered what the sixth finger on a six-fingered man might enable him to do in bed...

Matthew Friedman
Editor-in-Chief



F*ck Men United

“But there's already a seduction scene in ‘X2,’” you say. “You can't pick that!” Dear reader, A) there was no actual sex in that scene, and B) I don't care. When Sir Ian McKellen, 64 years old as of the release of “X2,” said in 2006 he was disappointed his Magneto didn't get “a love line” and that he should have had gay sex scenes with Professor X, he was right. It would be so narratively juicy. The themes, people. The drama. Plus, imagine the MCU's reaction if old man Magneto got to have gay sex in 2003. Gay Joe Russo could never.

Isabella Neubauer
Managing Editor



Kill Bill

In the same way that watching Uma Thurman mercilessly and gratuitously slice her way through an army of yakuza while spraying blood everywhere fills some dark and dirty crevice inside all of us, I think the pure excess of a

Tarantino sex scene would be top-tier entertainment. I don't even want it to be hot, I just would like to see how extreme the guy could make it. I want people swimming laps in sticky juices. I want trapeze artists rocketing buttplugs out of their ass at people like a volley of lubed-up acorns falling from the sky. I want someone's eye taken out by a blazing rope of spunk. Whatever in that sick, twisted mind came up with Django and Pulp Fiction has the capacity to change sex scenes forever. We all know Tarantino has a crippling foot fetish, but watching Uma Thurman get her toes sucked for ten minutes would a small sacrifice for getting one of the most extravagant displays of sexual depravity in cinema history.

Grady Nance
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The Incredibles

You know Elastigirl is *freaky*.

Ved Patel
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We have to talk about talking about sex

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For most people, including myself, conversations around sex are uncomfortable. It is a topic that is ubiquitous in popular culture, yet so taboo to talk about with other people. Often, we resort to euphemisms like “the birds and the bees,” “the dirty deed” and countless others so that we can avoid getting into the details. However, we use one phrase far more often than the rest when it comes to intimacy and sex: “hookup.” Whether it is someone recanting their Saturday night or telling stories about their past relationships, nearly every romantic or sexual story starts with “so I hooked up with...” The phrase, like many others when it comes to sex, is never formally defined, nor explained. What a “hookup” means changes over time with the contexts that people use it in; “hooking up” in middle school is functionally very different than doing so in college. So, if the definition is so amorphous, why does everyone say it? For one, the blurriness of what constitutes a “hookup” is part of its allure. People generally don't want other people to know exactly what transpired between them and their partner, rather just that something happened. When this is applied to gossip and storytelling, the vagueness is relatively harmless. Sure, the listener probably wants all the juicy details, but getting the full story is by no means

a right. However, when this extends to flirting, the use of the word “hookup” can blur the lines of consent — simply because an individual might not even know what they are consenting to. In my purely anecdotal research, I've found that the term “hookup” can encompass everything from making out (which, yes, is also euphemistic) to full-on sex. This range in understanding about what constitutes a “hookup” means that potential partners might think they are on the same page but are, in reality, picturing wildly different experiences. While it only takes a little clarification to establish boundaries, that often does not come until the act has already begun. The best-case scenario is simply some awkwardness and a frank conversation about what the rest of the night will look like. But, by-and-large, answering yes to “hooking up” is often where the conversation ends. So I ask, why do we risk either nonconsensual acts or prolonged awkwardness in our sexual lives? There are undoubtedly times when potential partners are on the same page, where there are no problems after simply agreeing to “hook up.” At the same time, consent (or, really, the lack thereof) remains to be an endemic issue across college campuses. One factor of sexual assault is a lack of clear communication and agreement. Using unclear euphemisms, like “a hookup,” is part of this problem. This is not to say that all issues surrounding

consent will be resolved by abandoning unclear language. There is a myriad of underlying issues that drive sexual assault that cannot be solved solely with changes in language. That said, any step in the right direction, regardless of the magnitude of the change, needs to be taken. The best alternative to saying “hookup” is to be explicit in what acts both partners are comfortable with. Yes, using phrases like vaginal or oral sex is not suave or arousing. It does, however, ensure that the rest of the night will be just that. Another alternative, which appears to be the middle ground between “hookup” and explicit wording, is the “base system.” For anyone unaware, this is the idea that 1st base is making out, and the level of intimacy rises with each subsequent base. While the bases do go slightly more in depth than “hookup” does, there is still some, though considerably less, disagreement as to what each base is. Additionally, the bases are rarely used prior to a sexual experience, instead being used to describe it after the fact. Overall, while using the bases is a step up, it still does not fully solve the consent issue. I do not expect saying “hookup” to go anywhere. It's so ingrained in our sexual vocabulary that abandoning it would require constant attention to the way we talk about sex. But as the spring semester gets underway, the next time the sparks start to fly, take a second to consider what you'll say.



Point: Why You Should Think Twice Before Watching Porn

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Pornography is not exactly a polite dinner table topic. I remember watching “The Date” during Bear Beginnings and taking the online “Beyond Sex Ed” course as a sophomore. While these commendable efforts rightly sought to combat rape and sexual violence on our campus, neither mentioned pornography. Never before has it been easier to access free porn anonymously. PornHub, the world’s largest pornography website, received 33.8 billion visits in 2018, a number nearly five times the population of the globe, according to their own data. Conservative estimates suggest that porn companies make around 15 billion in annual revenues. In 2018, “Big Porn” made more money than Netflix (11.7 billion) and Hollywood (11.1 billion). Data from 2008 showed that 92% of boys and 62% of girls view pornography before age 18. Furthermore, the social isolation fostered by the coronavirus led to “an unprecedented increase” in the “consumption of online pornography.” Yet if pornography were not ethically objectionable, I would care little about its ubiquity. I in no way intend to shame anyone’s behavior or take a “holier than thou” attitude. I believe that porn is morally problematic because it teaches users to view their fellow human beings as means to the end of one’s own sexual gratification.

Some psychologists argue that porn use can positively impact sexual intimacy between partners. This may be true for some couples. However, porn can also threaten sexual satisfaction. The wide variety and instant gratification of porn can become an easy alternative to the commitment and sacrifice that healthy relationships require. The porn user’s partner or spouse can feel “sexually inadequate” and lose emotional closeness in the relationship. Many partners simply cannot compete with a sexually arousing process of “focused searching and clicking,” in which the viewer looks “for the perfect masturbatory

subject.” A 2011 study found that unmarried partners who do not use pornography had lower rates of infidelity than those couples who watched porn together. Recent data also indicated a correlation between porn use and increased rates of divorce for both men and women. While some partners may find that porn enhances their sexual relationships, using porn has also been destructive for the relationships of others. “When you see grown men crying in your office because they can’t quit,” said therapist Kevin Skinner, or meet women who feel “unloved by [a] partner because of porn,” you “quickly realize that pornography is not just a leisurely activity.”

Porn can also have a close connection to sex trafficking and tends to legitimize sexual violence. Traffickers have shown porn to their victims to desensitize them to the heinous sexual acts they force them to perform. GirlsDoPorn, a partner channel of PornHub, was a 2011 sex trafficking scheme. Young girls were lured to California and were repeatedly raped on video. This channel garnered 780,000 subscribers and 670 million views. Even after the channel was charged with trafficking in 2019, “more than 300 videos and images of the victims” remained available on PornHub. Thankfully, the lead trafficker was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2021. The point here is that pornographic videos with a connection to trafficking are, tragically, far from rare. Furthermore, The British Journal of Criminology found in 2021 “that one in eight titles shown to first-time users on the first page of mainstream porn sites describe sexual activity that constitutes sexual violence.” Porn can also reinforce rape myths in the minds of many men, “such that if you take a woman on a date, she owes you sex ... or that women secretly want to be coerced into sex.” In addition, porn can influence the wider culture to believe “that the defining feature of women’s bodies is that they are available and violable.”

Porn can teach us to isolate the physical

appearance and sexual usefulness of others from their lives, their hopes, their experiences, their personal faults and sometimes from their real name. Admittedly, many pornstars do this willingly. However, I do not believe that this gives the rest of us license to participate in their exploitation. Why continue to engage with a system that has the objectification of human beings, and women especially, at its heart? Pornography can train us that sex is about using the body of another for our own purposes. In my humble opinion, this is not an attitude conducive to healthy relationships. Although sex trafficking and sexual violence are not present in every pornographic video, I believe that pornography as a whole nevertheless perpetuates objectifying tendencies. My hope is that those who read this article will think twice the next time that they consider watching porn. As English abolitionist William Wilberforce said of the slave trade in 1791, “You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know.”

For many who regularly watch porn, it may seem impossible to stop doing so. Indeed, frequent porn use “may be considered a behavioral addiction” and can be associated with depression, anxiety and shame. However, porn does not have to control your life. Vulnerability, accountability and, most of all, friendship help most in finding freedom. Organizations like Covenant Eyes and Fight The New Drug as well as books such as “The Porn Myth” and “Treating Pornography Addiction” are also invaluable. None of these are bulletproof methods, and the struggle to quit is difficult. Yet a life without porn is worth that difficulty. After moving away from porn, one former porn user who was featured in the free three-part documentary produced by Fight the New Drug said that he “felt human again.” Do not be discouraged. In fact, shame over past porn use fuels the possibility of future use in a devastating cycle. Hold your head up with dignity and keep fighting towards a better,

Counterpoint: What’s the problem with porn?

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I don’t watch porn. I’ve never seen the appeal — it feels a bit voyeuristic to watch other people have sex. I don’t need to see that! Half the time, I can barely manage to watch sex scenes in TV shows without thinking that they need to put some clothes on. To put it simply, I don’t really want to see anyone’s naked body.

The irony of me writing a pro-pornography take is not lost on me. If the idea of porn makes you uncomfortable, any reasonable reader may ask, why are you defending it? Here is my answer: Just because porn isn’t for me doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be for anyone.

Watching porn is an activity. Masturbating is an activity. Whether one person engages in those activities, or even whether they find those activities immoral, gives them no right to tell others to stop. Ultimately, porn isn’t harmful. Neither is masturbation. If it isn’t harmful, then people should be free to do it. Full stop.

Yes, the porn industry has a multitude of problems. Exploitation of sex workers, works that contribute to heteronormative, misogynist views of sex and many more. But those are problems with major porn sites and companies, not with the concept as a whole. Some people cite porn addictions and sex trafficking as further negatives, but the existence of porn addictions is contested, and far from all porn is a cover for human trafficking.

Many people choose to be sex workers or porn stars. Just look at StudLife’s profile of alum Larkin Love, who chose to work in porn instead of her degree field of psychology. Ethically-made porn is available, and it isn’t even that hard to find.

Moral opposition to porn claims that participating is simply wrong. Shameful, immoral, sinful — the adjectives pile up. As far as I can tell, the thought behind these boils down to this: Sex should be procreative, not for pleasure, so people should not masturbate

(this, of course, is also wildly homophobic, but I won’t get into that). It also implies that everyone has a partner with whom they can have sex. But that’s just not true.

Some people do not have partners. Some do not want them. Some people are in long-distance relationships, or have partners who do not want to have sex at the moment, or perhaps ever. Why stop those people from experiencing pleasure?

Even if one person believes watching porn is wrong, another person may not. Prescribing one view of morality onto everyone is harmful in a way that engaging in a simple activity is not. It all feels awfully conformist. “Here is how I think, so it should be how you think.” But why?

This applies to every kind of porn (with consenting adults). If someone wants to watch straight vanilla porn, good for them. If another person is into cock and ball torture or giant animated tentacles, that’s just fine too. Whatever floats their boat.

How to make a move in a mid-pandemic world

Cracking on. Flirting. Grafting. Courting. What once may have come naturally has, for many of us, eroded over the course of two years of limbo and hand sanitizer. We get it: it’s hard to get a spark going when every other sentence you have to ask your would-be sweetheart to repeat themselves so you can hear them through their N95 mask.

Whether you’re experiencing pandemic-induced celibacy or simply looking for some new pick-up lines for your toolkit, our editorial board has you covered with tried-and-true advice for how to make a move on your pandemic beau.

Ask your friend to ask them out for you

A time-honored ritual can’t be wrong. If COVID-19 has taught me anything, it’s that the less contact, the better.

Jamila Dawkins
Senior Forum Editor

Avoid going on risky food dates

It’s probably been a while since you’ve taken someone out to a packed-restaurant date, but let me remind you of a key factor in keeping the spark alive: make sure your stomach can handle whatever cuisine

you choose. Nothing quite ruins the romantic vibe like sushi-induced food poisoning or a 20-minute bathroom break after extra-hot Thai curry. If you insist on ice cream and you’re a lactose-intolerant self-denier, make sure they carry sorbet. So do yourself (and your target) a favor by asking them to a spicy dinner date with comfortably bland food.

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Just listen to the results of the sex survey

The data from Student Life’s incredibly scientific, perfectly rigorous, 100% totally accurate survey of Washington University students’ experiences with and attitudes regarding sex can do you no harm whatsoever as you seek to make a move this year. If you just follow the answers, you’ll be cuffed (whether in a relationship or to a bed, whatever floats your boat!) in no time. If the survey results say most people read erotica, read erotica! If everyone uses a butt plug, use a butt plug! Everyone else is doing it, so should you! The wisdom of the crowd never fails!

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Be their secret admirer

Throughout the pandemic, we have found amusement in the little things. Being someone’s secret admirer is mysterious and quirky, but also draws out the courting process, occupying more of your mind and time. We all need this about now: something to keep things interesting. This also allows you to safely distance and follow COVID-19 restrictions.

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Just don’t do it

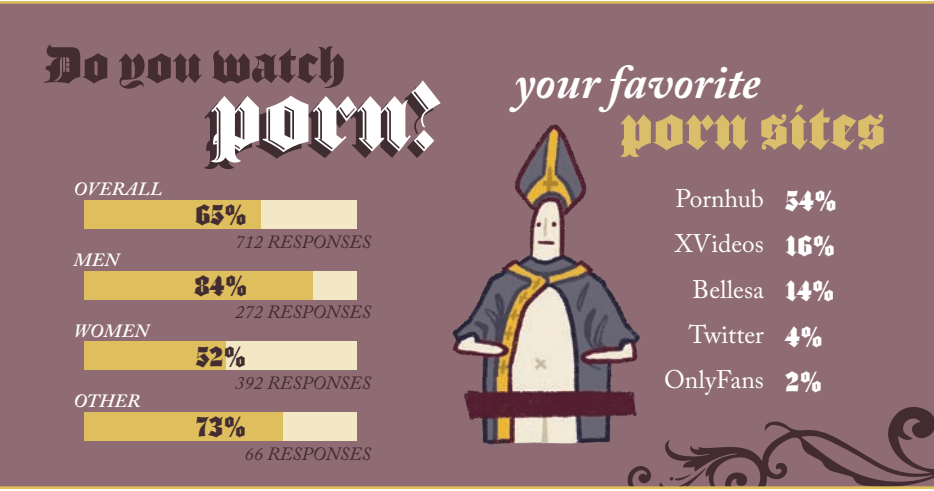
Come on. You didn’t make a move before the pandemic, either, and then you didn’t talk to anyone for two years. Why would you start now? Sitting in class beating yourself up about missed opportunities isn’t that bad. Things can’t be awkward between you and a classmate or friend you have a crush on if they don’t know about it. That’s how that works, right?

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Stare at them really intently and hope they get it

Eye contact is important.

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Olympic insiders: Stories of sex in Olympic Village

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As the Winter Olympics kick off this week, many people will be focused on events such as figure skating, curling and skeleton. With some of the most fit and attractive people gathering together, however, another activity occurrence will be happening in Olympic Village: sex. This predictable outcome led to organizers handing out a whopping 450,000 condoms during the 2016 Rio Olympics. That fact only begins to tell the story, as Olympians have spilled some iconic stories in the past decade. Here at Student Life, we've compiled five of the horniest anecdotes that athletes have shared over the years.

5 American women's soccer goalie Hope Solo shared multiple stories in an

ESPN article that discussed the atmosphere in Olympic Village. Her funniest anecdote was about the scene the athletes are a part of when they are not competing. "Athletes are extremists," Solo told ESPN. "When they're training, it's laser focus. When they go out for a drink, it's 20 drinks. With a once-in-a-lifetime experience, you want to build memories, whether it's sexual, partying or on the field. I've seen people having sex right out in the open. On the grass, between buildings, people are getting down and dirty." On and off the field, these athletes are vying for No. 1 — let's hope a medal is the only type of golden reward they receive.

4 A wide-spread controversy last year during the Tokyo games was the cardboard beds the Olympians had to sleep in, with the prevailing thought being that these beds were designed to prevent the athletes from

having sex. After the news went public on Twitter, a spokesperson for Airweave, the company that made the beds, announced that the company performed experiments such as dropping weights on the beds to test how much it could hold. The results indicated that as long as only two people are on the bed, they should be strong enough to support the weight. This ultimately led many to believe the Olympics were trying to prevent threesomes — as the rest of this list shows, their effort was quite justified.

3 This is where the stories begin to get wild. Former Alpine Skier Carrie Sheinberg shared her craziest story to ESPN as well. In 1994, two German bobsleders tried to use their medals as a form of currency within Olympic village. They offered to trade their medals to Sheinberg for "all kinds of other favors," Sheinberg told ESPN (one



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can only imagine the types of debauchery that bobsleders are into). The Germans were looking for some group fun, an occurrence that is not uncommon in the village.

2 Second place in the rankings consists of a short but wild story from the 2010 Vancouver games. Six athletes, including Germans, Canadians and Austrians decided to get together at

a home outside the village. Their whirlpool party quickly turned into something more, as one skier told ESPN, "It turned into a whirlpool orgy."

1 Number one in the rankings delves into the wildness of the flights home after the Olympics. On a flight back to Los Angeles after the 2000 Sydney games, nearly 100 Olympians gathered in the

back of a plane. Everyone partnered up pretty quickly, and American javelin thrower Breaux Greer ended up in the bathroom with an unnamed Olympian. "We're going at it, and then — boing! I accidentally turn on the assistance light," Greer told ESPN. After Greer told the flight attendant of their Olympic credentials, they were able to resume their business. "And we stayed in there a long time," Greer said. Let's just say these two are probably part of the infamous mile high club.

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