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Penetrating questions

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A Varsity survey has revealed a correlation between academic failure and sexual activity amongst Cambridge students.

The online study, which asked over a thousand members across the University in depth about their sex lives, shows that students at poorly-performing colleges are more likely to have high average levels of sexual partners.

Peterhouse, the University's oldest college, came 25th in the 2007 Tompkins Table, but 3rd in the promiscuity table, beaten only by Fitzwilliam and Homerton Colleges. At Homerton, 26th in academic achievement, students have had on average 7 sexual partners.

Christ's College, 2nd in last year's Tompkins list, reported the highest number of virgins, with 28% of respondents never having had sex.

Christ's also reported the lowest usage of recreational drugs,

a category which Clare topped, where 55% of respondents are users. Clare came 17th in last year's Tompkins Table. Drugs usage across the university as a whole was 28%.

The results also revealed a range of activity according to subject choices. Almost half of all mathematicians have never had sex, whereas the average Medic has had at least eight sexual partners. CUSU President Mark Fletcher seemed unsurprised by the findings.

He said: "It's obvious that the mathematicians haven't found the winning formula yet. But it's good to see that 'Doctors and Nurses' is still a popular game."

Surprisingly for such a similar subject, Vets come near the bottom of the table, with fewer than two average sexual partners per student. Perhaps their preference for animals extends into the bedroom.

Far from its nerdy reputation, the findings show Cambridge to be a vibrant, sexually active uni-

versity, in some cases surprisingly so. 60% of those who have had sex have done it outdoors, and a quarter have tried S&M. Luckily for common rooms everywhere, only 15% have engaged in group sex.

King's College emerged as the kinkiest college, as well as having the highest proportion of gay and bisexual students. Downing emerged as the straightest college, with only 3% of gay and bisexual students, well down on the figure of 16% for the University as a whole.

Food & Drink

Tom Evans shares his eclectic views on waiters and wine.

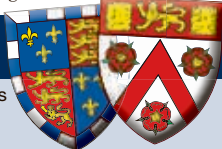
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