

# BOYS WILL BE BOYS

*Research by and for adolescent males of all ages and sexes*

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## Finger's "Phantom Penis: Historical Dimensions"

"Phantom Penis: Historical Dimensions," Nicholas J. Wade and Stanley Finger, *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences: Basic and Clinical Perspectives*, vol. 19, no. 4, 2010. (Thanks to investigator Neil Martin for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, at the University of Dundee, Scotland and Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, explain:

We here present several early reports on phantom penile sensations, with the intent of showing what had been described and why more than 200 years ago.

### Phantom Penis: Historical Dimensions

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*Interest in sensations from removed body parts other than limbs has increased with modern surgical techniques. This applies particularly to operations (e.g., gender-changing surgeries) that have resulted in phantom genitalia. The impression given in modern accounts, especially those dealing with phantoms associated with penis amputation, is that this is a recently discovered phenomenon. Yet the historical record reveals several cases of phantom penises dating from the late-eighteenth century and*

## Out-the-End Times Vision

"The Excremental Vision and the Study of Religion: An Afterword," Matthew Day, *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, vol. 21, no. 2, 2009, pp. 230–4. The author, at Florida State University, explains:

Gary Lease often deployed a Swiftian "excremental vision" to upend the liberal pretensions of "religion" and religious studies. However, this essay argues that there is far more to say about the relationship between religion and defecation. Indeed, the inescapable fact of human excrement should be viewed as an under-utilized site for academic theorizing about the power of "religion."

## A Bum Deal

"A Bum Deal from Wooden Toilet Seats: Reemergence of Allergic Contact Dermatitis," John R. Ingram, Peter Gasson, T. Meirion Hughes, and Natalie M. Stone, *Dermatitis*, vol. 23, no. 5, September–October 2012, pp. 244–5.

## Expectations and Experiences at In-Home Sex Toy Parties

"The Sexual Consumer: Characteristics, Expectations, and Experiences of Women Attending In-Home Sex Toy Parties," Vanessa Schick, Debby Herbenick, Kristen N. Jozkowski, Sofia Jawed-Wessel, and Michael Reece, *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, vol. 39, no. 2, March

2013, pages 160–75. The authors, at Indiana University, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Nebraska, explain:

In-home sex toy parties may enrich women's sexual experiences by providing attendees with an opportunity to learn in a nontraditional setting. In the present study, more than 2,500 party attendees were surveyed regarding their party experience and sexual history. Participants reported high scores on the Female Sexual Function Index with repeat attendees scoring significantly higher than their counterparts.

## Swiss Sexual Emergencies

"Sexual Activity-Related Emergency Department Admissions: Eleven Years of Experience at a Swiss University Hospital," Carmen Andrea Pfortmueller, Jana Nimia Koetter, Heinz Zimmermann, and Aristomenis Konstantinos Exadaktylos, *Emergency Medicine Journal*, epub October 25, 2012. (Thanks to Keith Wren for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, at University Hospital Bern, report:

Two men had cardiovascular emergencies. 46 (10.3%) of our patients suffered from trauma. Neurological emergencies occurred in 55 (12.4%) patients: the most frequent were headaches in 27 (49.0%), followed by subarachnoid haemorrhage (12, 22.0%) and transient global amnesia (11, 20.0%). 154 (97.0%) of the patients presenting with presumed infection actually had infections of the urogenital tract. The most common infection was urethritis (64, 41.0%), followed by cystitis (21, 13.0%) and epididymitis (19, 12.0%). A sexually

### The Sexual Consumer: Characteristics, Expectations, and Experiences of Women Attending In-Home Sex Toy Parties

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*Sexuality education efforts tend to focus on adolescents and risk-reducing strategies. Oftentimes, clinicians and researchers are less interested in understanding and improving the sexual lives (e.g., desire, arousal, orgasm) of adult women in long-term monogamous relationships. In-home sex toy parties may enrich women's sexual experiences by providing attendees with an opportunity to learn in a nontraditional setting. In the present study,*

# Sexual activity-related emergency department admissions: eleven years of experience at a Swiss university hospital

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## ABSTRACT

**Principals** Most people enjoy sexual intercourse without complications, but a significant, if small, number need to seek emergency medical help for related health problems. The true incidence of these problems is not known. We therefore assessed all admissions to our

in heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate and cerebral perfusion rate (figure 1).<sup>4</sup>

Research has shown that interest in and the frequency of sexual activity is more marked in the younger population.<sup>5</sup> Sexual activity among older men and couples has, however, increased over the

transmitted disease (STD) was diagnosed in 43 (16.0%) of all patients presenting with a presumed infection....

Our study showed trauma from sexual intercourse to be more common in men, a finding confirmed by a study by Eke on urologic complications of coitus.... In contrast to our study, however, the most frequent injury was penile fracture, which we did not see. We have no explanation for this, other than penile fractures appear to occur more frequently in the Middle East.

Conclusions: Sexual activity is mechanically dangerous, potentially infectious, and stressful for the cardiovascular system.

## Measurement of Temporal and Spatial Factors of a Flushing Toilet Noise

“Measurement of Temporal and Spatial Factors of a Flushing Toilet Noise in a Downstairs Bedroom,” Toshihiro Kitamura, Ryota Shimokura, Shin-ichi Sato, and Yoichi Ando, *Journal of Temporal Design in Architecture and the Environment*, vol. 2, no. 1, 2002, pp. 13–19. (Thanks to Babak Hariri for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, at Kobe University, Japan, report:

In a three-floored apartment, located in a quiet living area of Kobe, one resident was very annoyed by the flushing noise of an upstairs toilet that could be heard in the downstairs bedroom.... The purpose of this study is to clarify the characteristics of a flushing toilet noise in a bedroom on the downstairs floor in terms of the temporal and spatial factors extracted from the autocorrelation function and cross-correlation function based on the model of the human auditory-brain system.... The results of the measurement showed that the temporal and spatial factors for the flushing toilet noise changed dramatically as a function of time.

*Detail from the study “Measurement of Temporal and Spatial Factors of a Flushing Toilet Noise in a Downstairs Bedroom.”*

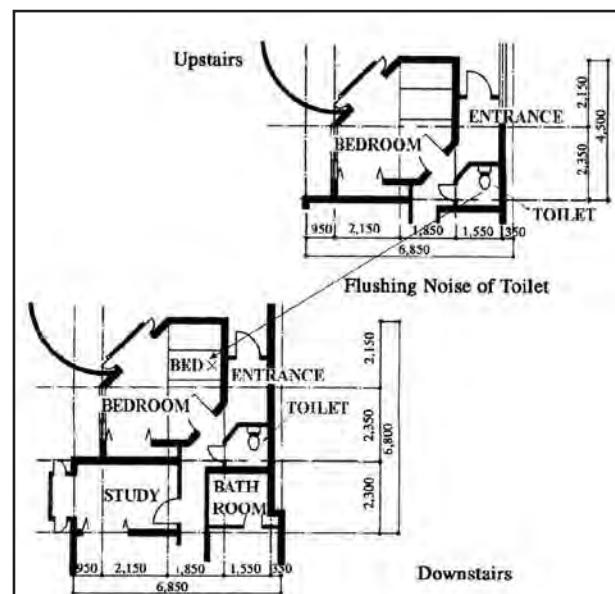


Fig. 1. Plan of the rooms in the apartment. The flushing noise of an upstairs toilet was recorded at bedside.

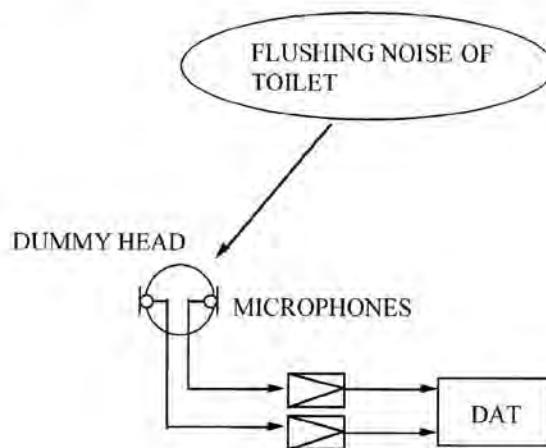


Fig. 2. The measurement system of noise recording.