

# Dykes To Watch Out For *By Alison Bechdel*

# Dyke Scholarship

## Diversions

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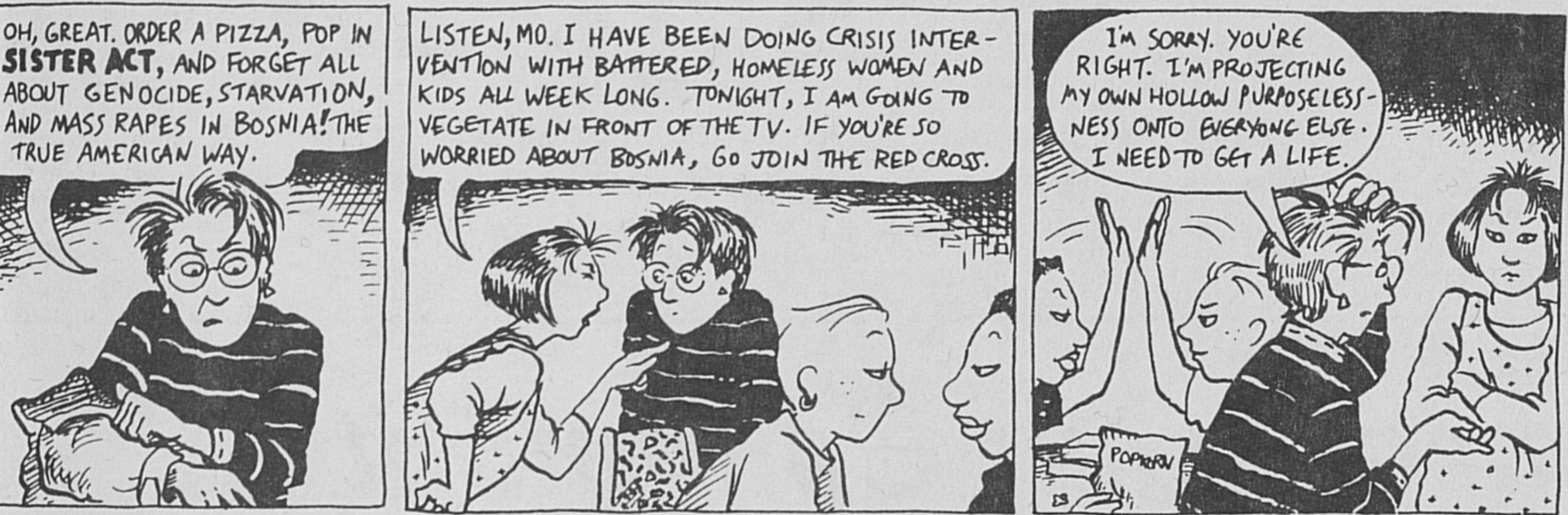


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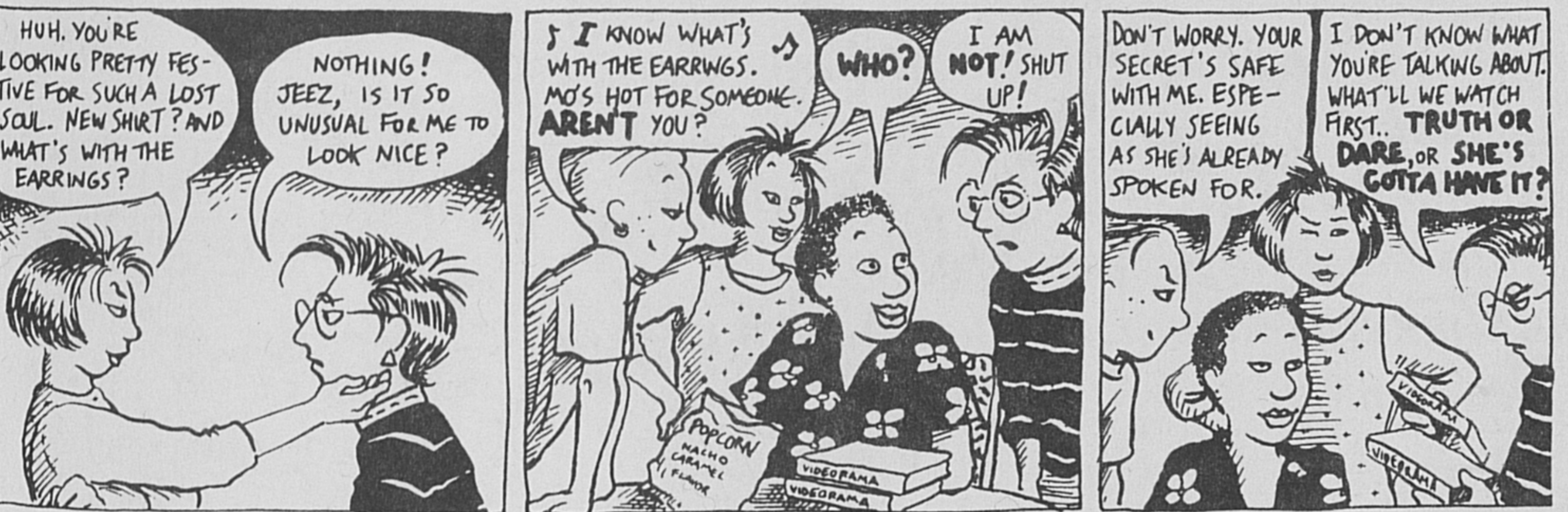
Just imagine being given money to help with your graduate school tuition because you are queer! I was recently accepted to a Masters Degree Program at the School for International Training (S.I.T.) in Brattleboro. In my search for grants and loans to pay my way, I came across this S.I.T. scholarship listing:



“Student Diversity Scholarship; Eligibility: Based on S.I.T.’s commitment to a diverse learning community, the School offers scholarships up to \$2,000 to qualified students who present a unique cultural perspective. The Scholarship Committee encourages applications from candidates who will enhance the racial, national, and ethnic diversity of our programs. The committee also welcomes applications from any individual whose world view or life experience can enhance the diversity of our learning community.”



Well of course being a lesbian will bring diversity and a unique cultural perspective to the school! At first I resisted writing the 500 word essay so soon after all the writing I had just done to get accepted into the program, but I just couldn't resist the challenge. Even as I wrote there was a loud voice in my brain screaming “Give it up! They'll never award you money for being a dyke. don't even bother trying!”



I was not terribly pleased with my results and had little hope of success when I sent it off, but about one month later the Committee wrote to say they had awarded me the full \$2,000. Money for queers does grow on a few trees at least—another sign of the times. ▼

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