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## Facebook group shows York students like a different sort of shag

An alternative ‘rate your shag’ Facebook group has been set up in the name of carpet appreciation

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A University of York student has set up a Facebook group celebrating a different sort of shag. The ‘York uni rate your shag’ page which contains posts of various carpets with innuendoes posted alongside them was made in response to the backlash against the ‘University of York: Rate your Shag’.

Posts on the page include ‘The mighty J.B.Morrell library. Good shag or bad shag?’ and ‘How dirty do you like it?’ next to a photo of a carpet with a upturned drinks can.

Rory Foster created the group. He told *Nouse*, “It seems as though York Uni forgets to have fun quite a lot of the time. This is definitely something I’ve noticed for a while, and kinda gets me down. Perhaps it was the 8 hour library stint that put me in a somewhat bizarre frame of mind, but posting pictures of carpet seemed like the right thing to do to cheer things up.”

Pages similar to the original ‘University of York’ page, now removed, have been set up at other universities such as Portsmouth and Derby. “At the end of the day, it gives lovers and haters of the shag pages something they can laugh at or ignore at their discretion. Unless sex-wild students take offense at comparing their stories to bits of carpet, it’s not offending anyone either.”

The condemned ‘University of York: Rate your Shag’ encouraged students to rate and name past sexual

encounters, carrying the tagline 'Name them, shame them and if you must, praise student's sexual conquests'. The page drew a number of posts, including one from Rhys Hayes saying 'I think you ought to be, quite frankly, ashamed of yourselves. Sex is a private affair.'

Commenting on the new 'York uni rate your shag' page, Kristen Roberts, a second year student said, "the response from students has been great, it's a hilarious retaliation to such a ridiculous group and so much more York. We're hardly winning in the Uni sex table".

The 'York uni rate you shag' page had over 1800 'likes', with the group drawing appreciation across social media. Facebook has now blanket-banned all 'Rate your Shag' pages, unfortunately leading to the York parody also being taken offline as of Tuesday evening.

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York replaced shag rating with shag rating, but this one upsets less people:  
[facebook.com/YorkUniRateYou...](http://facebook.com/YorkUniRateYou...)

— Rory Foster (@Foster\_uk) May 27, 2013

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Why I love @uniofnyork. Someone got one of those awful 'Rate your shag' FB groups and made it about carpets – [facebook.com/YorkUniRateYou...](http://facebook.com/YorkUniRateYou...)

— Jack Knight (@Mr\_Jack\_Knight) May 27, 2013

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## 12 comments

FN 28 May '13 at 1:00 am

@Laura Hughes  
Nouse is going downhill rapidly with these crappy non-story articles, please sort it out.

Report

Simon 28 May '13 at 1:13 am

@FN [http://www.quickmeme.com/meme/3rew1j/...](http://www.quickmeme.com/meme/3rew1j/) Exams getting you down?

Report

Jan van Eyck 28 May '13 at 1:14 am

The Facebook \_page\_ is ace, and it just so happens that Rory Foster has a lovely voice like room temperature Brie on his radio programme. But I also agree with "FN" a bit.

Report

Iad 28 May '13 at 1:30 am

Oxbridge reject writing crap as per. Non story, people need to lighten up and get over themselves

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bad lad

28 May '13 at 1:54 am

@lad, getting people to 'lighten up' was the exact point of creating the Facebook page. Nice one.

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The Pieman

28 May '13 at 8:31 am

Barry is a legend

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John

28 May '13 at 9:33 am

You've taken most of what Rhys Hayes said out of context. Not only did he say it was a private affair but he also said that reducing someone to a statistic based on how good they are in bed is dehumanising and offensive. I'm glad someone stood up to the page before it could really take off.

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Punderful

28 May '13 at 10:44 am

This is the most mileage I've ever seen out of a simple pun.

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Distraught

28 May '13 at 7:07 pm

The page appears to have disappeared? How will I satisfy my love of shags now? :(

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Rory

29 May '13 at 4:44 pm

I'm afraid the page was removed for "bullying". Facebook blanket banned them all I think.

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Anonymous

29 May '13 at 8:38 pm

They've banned it because one of the carpets was actually a blanket.

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Helena Horton

30 May '13 at 10:18 pm

This whole thing makes me feel sick.

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