

Watch out!

Campus Birthright misleading

"Pregnant and distressed? We can help you" reads the classified ad in Excalibur.

What the ad fails to mention, however, is that the organization, Campus Birthright, on St. George St., will try to coax, mislead and even intimidate pregnant women into having their babies.

For the woman who has decided to have her child, the service is good. But for the woman who is truly "pregnant and distressed," and undecided about what to do, Campus Birthright is all wrong.

One alternative, abortion, will be struck from consideration by means of horror stories, untruths and outright misinformation. More than that, promises of hemorrhage and infections are given with graphic details.

A Birthright spokeswoman said in a telephone interview, "I can give you abortion information, but it's all bad. I know how dangerous it is and I'm warning you. You can't get an abortion in Toronto, and the provisions in New York State are abortion mills."

The York Student Clinic says this is bunk. They have handled 66 abortion referral cases since September. It's possible to get an abortion in Ontario up to the 12th week of pregnancy. The clinic has a

list of doctors who will perform abortions.

"It's all a matter of going to the right doctor at the right time," a clinic spokeswoman said.

Any abortion done in Ontario is paid for by OHSIP. Hospital quota systems and heavily booked doctors in Ontario send some women to New York State.

The abortions there are perfectly safe and done by qualified doctors, clinic sources say. The cost is between \$105 to \$150.

"Our policy is to present all alternatives as fairly as possible and let the woman make up her own mind," the spokeswoman continued.



"We don't have to play games with people anymore. The only thing is the tokenism of being the local fag at events," said Mike McConnell (left) Friday night. He and his marriage partner Jack Baker (right) spoke on same sex marriages to a capacity crowd. They are fighting for legal recognition of their marriage. Baker is president of the University of Minnesota Student Association and a third year law student. McConnell is a university librarian. The two were on campus for a weekend conference on gay liberation sponsored by the York Homophile Association. Photo by Jon Price

Protesters march on abortion decision

One hundred persons demonstrated outside the Supreme Court building in downtown Toronto Saturday in protest of a recent injunction preventing an Ottawa woman from having an abortion.

The abortion had been approved

by the required hospital committee and the woman was already in hospital.

Lawyer David Dehler, a member of Alliance for Life, an anti-abortion group, obtained the injunction on behalf of the woman's husband and fetus.

Dehler hopes to be appointed legal guardian for all fetuses in Ontario, following the lead of a similar recent action in New York state. He could then seek an order restraining all hospitals in Ontario from performing abortions without the consent of the guardian-himself.

Lorna Grant, spokeswoman for the Ontario Women's Abortion Law Repeal Coalition, said at a meeting Sunday the injunction was an attack on the present abortion laws. The coalition plans to meet in Winnipeg March 18 and 19 with other abortion reform groups from across the country to unite their actions.

The abortion law repeal groups are gathering names on a petition for support of MP Grace MacInnis and her bill to have abortion laws removed from the Criminal Code.

MacInnis says the recent injunction "sets a precedent whereby any husband, whether a drunkard, mentally ill or whatever could force his wife to bear children against her will."

York psychology professor Esther Greenglass, a member of the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women said, "the fact that the husband may be financially responsible for the children gives him the right to be consulted but not to make the final decision. The woman is the one who has to give birth, and in our society she's the one who raises the children."

Abortion law repeal groups state their position as "a woman's right to choose, every mother a willing mother, every child a wanted child."

Council of the York Student Federation is sponsoring a referendum in March on the issue of abortion repeal. The referendum will be held along with election of the CYSF executive. Similar actions are planned at University of Toronto and Humber College. The tactic is a cross-Canada campaign to show the opinion of campus communities on abortion.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ryerson is 96.4% Canadian

Americans comprise only 3.6 percent of the faculty at Ryerson Institute according to Ryerson's brief to the Committee on University Affairs released last week. Of the 448 full time faculty at Ryerson 368 are Canadians, 49 are listed as being from the British Commonwealth and there are 17 faculty members from the United States. Ryerson also has the lowest student faculty ratio in the province according to the brief. There are 568 full and part time faculty to about 7,200 students making a ratio of 12.2 to 1. The provincial average for post-secondary institutions is 13.7 to 1.

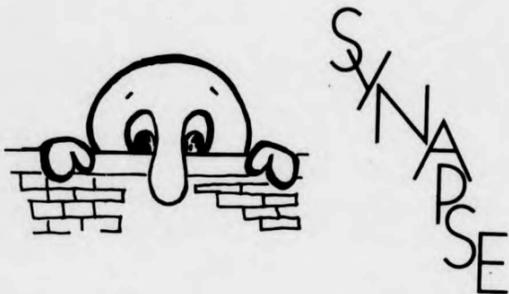
CUPE workers may strike at Ryerson

TORONTO (CUP) — Janitorial, maintenance, boiler room and motor pool staff at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute could legally go on strike by February, said Jim Anderson, a representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), if conciliation proceedings fail to bring about a satisfactory agreement. "The union could set up picket lines at all the main entrances to the campus by the end of the month," he said. The contract with the 112 workers of local 233 of CUPE expired Sept. 30. "Members voted on Jan. 6, rejecting the latest offer of the administration by 80 percent," said Anderson, and in addition they "authorized their bargaining committee to proceed with strike action if it became necessary." Officials of Local 233 emphasized that "it is the negotiating team's desire to continue talks with the administration in the hope of avoiding a strike." Since the contract expired, a total of 10 meetings have taken place between the union and management. The basic rate of pay for janitorial and other staff was \$3 per hour. Now the union negotiating team is bargaining for a basic rate of \$3.65 per hour. In their last vote Thursday, the members rejected an offer of \$3.24 as proposed by the administration negotiating team. CUPE members at York recently negotiated a contract for a \$3.50 basic hourly rate. Union members at the public school level had an agreement expiring Dec. 31, 1971.

VMC condemns Nixon 'peace plan'

Organizers of the Vietnam Mobilization Committee condemned on Saturday U.S. president Richard Nixon's peace plan as a cynical cover for continued escalation of the war in Indochina and urged Canadians to build the Feb. 5-6 antiwar action conferences being held in four cities, Vancouver, Toronto, Saskatoon and Halifax. George Addison, VMC executive secretary and leader of the demonstrations last November against the war and the Amchitka bomb test, called Nixon's proposal "a blatant attempt to manipulate public opinion to support further aggression against the Indochinese people — in the tradition of the big lie. The Canadian government should immediately disassociate itself from the Nixon plan by calling for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of U.S. troops, planes, ships, and bases from South East Asia to allow the Indochinese to settle their own affairs."

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