

## CROSSCANADA

## Students examine teaching quality

TORONTO (CUP) — Students from across Canada got together in Toronto to swap notes on ways to improve the quality of university teaching.

"It [was] an exchange of ideas so the students can take back the ideas and put them into place," said U of T student councillor Michol Hoffman.

Opening speaker Stuart Smith, who chaired last year's Commission of Inquiry on Canadian University Education, said an explosion of knowledge has forced professors to devote more time to research than to teaching.

He said the government should ask universities to provide statistics when asking for money which would detail studies of graduate satisfaction, undergraduate retention rates, classroom sizes and the number of courses taught by TAs and tenured profs.

Conference delegates said universities across Canada are experiencing similar problems in teaching.

"It's just the standard problem," said Orwin Lau, a third-year student from the University of British Columbia. "Research is always given much greater emphasis than teaching."

## Manning presents educational vouchers

OTTAWA (CUP) — Students will get vouchers worth \$3,000 to attend the college or university of their choice if the Reform Party forms the next government, says Preston Manning.

Instead of giving the provinces the \$2 billion they currently receive for universities and colleges, the federal government would issue "advanced education vouchers" to individual students.

However, students will have to come up with the rest of the money to cover books, rent and living expenses, Manning said. Manning does not guarantee funding levels would increase to match student enrolment.

Mark Hudson, press officer for the federal Secretary of State, the ministry responsible for university and college funding, said the voucher idea is an old one.

"This has been talked about for 10 years," he said. "The problem is you need the provinces on side and they're not interested."

## U of M Native threatened

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A threat to "exterminate" an aboriginal student at the University of Manitoba has pushed the administration to establish a group to deal with campus human rights violations.

Margaret King, a fourth-year student and member of the U of M Native Students Association, said she was threatened after taking the parking space of another car in a university lot Jan. 10.

The man in the waiting car got out and pounded on her window calling her a "fucking bitch" and "fucking Indian," King said. She stayed in her locked car with the windows rolled up until he left.

She returned to the car later in the day and found a note which read, in part, "Better look over your shoulder bitch, you never know what good citizen might exterminate you."

King has filed a complaint with city police, who are looking for the man.

Since the report on King was publicized, the NSA has been flooded with mail and phone calls. Not all of the calls were supportive.

"One caller said because we are a minority, we should be on our best behaviour," King said. "A letter said I deserved it."

## Topless woman convicted

TORONTO (CUP) — Guelph university student Gwen Jacob is going to fight a recent indecent exposure conviction for walking around topless last summer.

Jacob, who was fined \$75 and left with a criminal record after her case wrapped up in January, said the judge invoked sexist community standards to back up his decision.

During the trial, Jacob argued women's breasts are the same as men's, and treating them differently violates her constitutional rights to equality.

Judge Bruce Payne, however, said she wasn't playing by community rules, which discriminate between the sexes.

"Anyone who thinks that the male breast and the female breast are the same is not living in the real world," he said.

"The female breast...is part of the female body that is sexually stimulating to men, both by sight and touch, and is not therefore a part of the body that ought to be flagrantly exposed to public view."

## NEWS

## Now time for your sex talk

BY GAZETTE STAFF

That was the main thrust of Catherine Anderson's seminar.

Sperm can travel from a penis through a vagina to fertilise an egg within ninety seconds. So watch out.

Anderson, education coordinator for the Metro Area Family Planning Association, spoke to throngs of en-

thusiastic people in the Green Room last week. The seminar was staged as part of the Mature Students' Association's Safe Sex Week.

"Touching, stroking, hugging, kissing, sucking, licking, all are relatively safe forms of sex," said Anderson.

Anderson spends most of her time educating junior high and high school students. Her presentation has thus evolved to satisfy even the shortest of attention spans.

Her talk tied together contraception and disease prevention in a number of compact vignettes.

Students learned such useful tidbits as, don't carry condoms in your back pocket, they break down under heat. Vaseline also breaks down condoms as well as increasing the risk of infection. For a safe natural lubricant Anderson suggested egg whites are more than viscous enough.

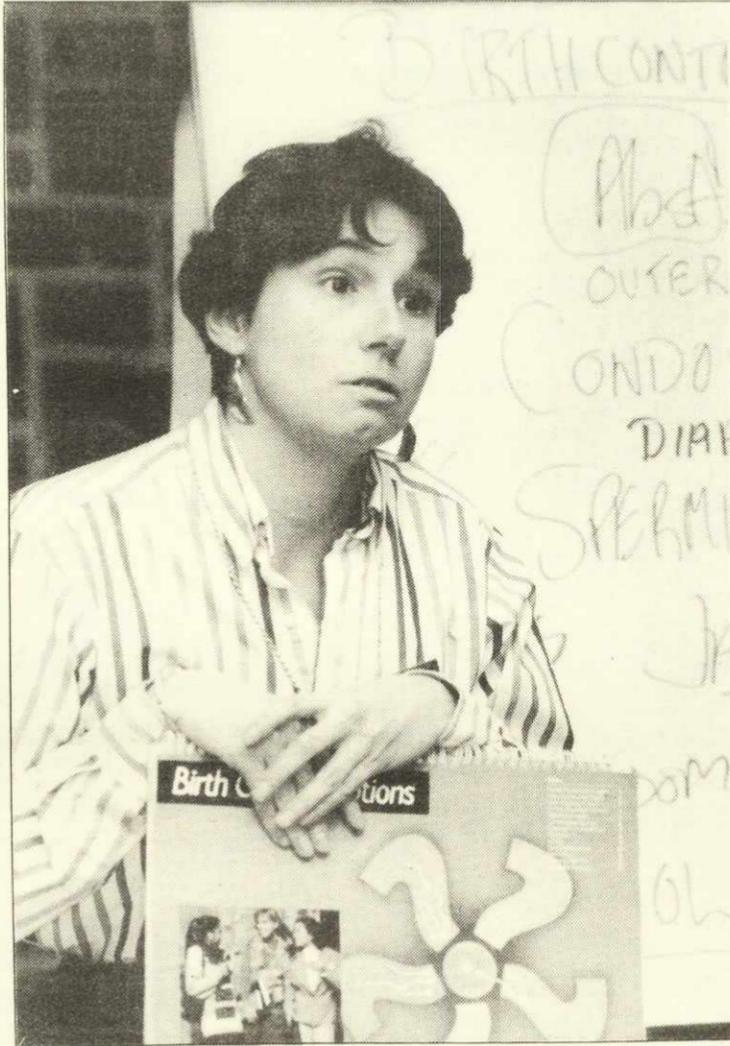
"So if you're ever stuck - pardon the pun - you can just go to the fridge."

She suggested a little care when putting on condoms, or when putting them near sharp objects. "Braces are death on condoms."

According to Ian Tay Landry, vice president of the Mature Students' Association, safe sex week was staged in response to a lack of educational material on campus.

The week was a success but could have been better.

"Next year we plan to hold the talks in the cafeteria," said Landry. The students will have no choice but to listen.



O.K. now, did everybody bring their lubricant?

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## Neon brigade prowls campus

BY GAYLE HEINRICH

The Dalhousie Tiger Patrol hailed in the month of February with over 170 walks and much praise from its chief, Sandy MacDonald.

"I think it's an excellent program!" says MacDonald.

This sentiment is shared by T.P. member Frank Soper. "It's such a good service. We provide safety for not only those individuals we escort but for anyone walking around campus as well."

Not everyone sings Tiger Patrol's praises however. Some members of the Dalhousie community are concerned about the lack of service to Fenwick Place, a Dalhousie residence and to homes only several blocks off campus.

"Fenwick is a Dalhousie residence," says one female student. "Escorts should be supplied there like anywhere else!" MacDonald recognizes these concerns, but it isn't so easy to send the "neon brigade" down to Fenwick Place.

"A trip to Fenwick would take Tiger Patrol out of its area of responsibility and remove the service from campus and campus members," says MacDonald. "As well, Tiger Patrol

members are not insured off campus property."

Although no statistics are out yet, MacDonald does believe that their has been a decrease in the amount and types of vandalism on campus. Fewer signs have been lost and there have been fewer incidents of minor property damage.

As for next year, Soper would like to see the service cover all of the hours of darkness, especially the time from supper to 9:30 p.m. It's a matter

of money though. The pilot program was allocated a certain amount of funding. If the funding doesn't change, the scope of the program will remain as it is at present.

"Even if there was a reduction in the number of people who use the service, I don't think it would decrease the service's value," quipped MacDonald. "People out there are responsible for using the service. If they don't use it they must feel safe on campus."

## Security bulletin

Dalhousie Security are urging women to be especially careful at night. According to security chief Sandy MacDonald two women have been assaulted near Dalhousie campus over the past few weeks.

"We don't want to create a panic," said MacDonald, "but this information has to get out in order for women to protect themselves."

MacDonald said that not enough information was available to spot any pattern in the assaults. One assault took place in the early hours of the morning. The other happened before midnight. Both were reported to the Halifax police.

A partial description of one of the events was made available. It involved a white male of average build with brown hair. The man stopped his car and asked for directions from a lone woman.

When the woman moved close to the vehicle the man drew a knife and sexually assaulted her.