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Survey shows ignorance

Students sexually naive

ST JOHN'S (CUP) — Students don't know much about sex, according to a recently published survey on the sexual behaviour and attitudes of 1,547 Memorial University students.

"We know that a lot of young people are sexually active, but they have a poor knowledge of sexual anatomy and sexual functioning," said Dr. Paul Sachdev, a professor at Memorial's School of Social Work.

Sachdev's study reported that 80 per cent of students had "poor sexual knowledge" while only 17 per cent rated good and three per cent rated excellent. within six months prior to the

Men and women still have significantly different attitudes toward sexual behaviour, according to the study. Twothirds of the men surveyed approved of pre-marital sex compared to only one-half of the

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ROBERTSON'S BUSINESS EQUIP. Ltd. 5514 CUNARD ST. 423- 9386 Highest scores went to students studying medicine and nursing, while students in Social Sciences, Education, Humanities, and finally Physical Education scored lower. But even among medical students, seven in ten rated poor on the sexual knowledge test.

Women scored higher than men overall.

The survey showed that most students were sexually active—almost 70 per cent of the men and 60 per cent of the women had engaged in intercourse

women

Sachdev concludes that more sexuality courses need to be introduced into the education system.

"For those people who have chosen to engage in sexual activity, information must be available so they can learn how to have safe and responsible sex," he said.

The survey was based on a 44question true or false questionnaire and students answered anonymously.

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