

BC U's ok condoms

VANCOUVER (CUP) — British Columbia student councils are supporting condom dispensers on campus, as a means of promoting safe sex and preventing the spread of AIDS.

At North Vancouver's Capilano College, the student council executive voted unanimously to support the installation of condom vending machines.

"AIDS is an epidemic," said communications director Julie Pendray. "I think this is an appropriate action for any socially aware organization."

The decision, subject to the approval of the college's health and safety committee, was made before AIDS Vancouver director Bob Tivey revealed that two B.C. teenagers are suffering from the fatal disease, while a third died from it within the past year.

At the Langara campus of Vancouver Community College, council will install condom machines in the student union building and ask

the administration to replace another unauthorized machine which was removed in February.

The new machines will be installed in both men's and women's bathrooms, and council plans to organize an informational forum on AIDS soon.

At the University of British Columbia, council president Rebecca Nevaumont said she supported the return of the condom dispensers which were in a men's washroom of the student union building until 1985, but were removed after months of vandalism.

In January, Vancouver medical health officer Dr. John Blatherwick initiated a wave of controversy in B.C. by suggesting that public schools promote safe sex by distributing condoms.

Premier Bill Vander Zalm, a Roman Catholic opposed to birth control and abortion, opposed the

idea, advocating teenagers practice abstinence instead.

The premier later said his own moral views will influence AIDS education programs currently under development, expected to be implemented in public schools this fall.

Health minister Peter Dueck further heightened the controversy when he advocated mandatory testing for exposure to the AIDS virus.

In Ontario, on the other hand, the government announced in late January it hopes to make AIDS education compulsory starting at Grade 7.

Also, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation recently reversed an established advertising policy and agreed to run ads promoting safe sex.

October 29, 1943:

Of the 20 offices open for class elections in the Student Council, 16 were filled by acclamation. Council president Gerry Amerongen blamed the Gateway for the lack of student interest in the election. Two seats had elections, and two were left vacant with no nominees.

January 20, 1976

The Students' Union cancelled all social events for the second term after a major disturbance at a Rodeo Club social the previous weekend. Three windows in SUB were broken, and two SU employees were attacked and injured.

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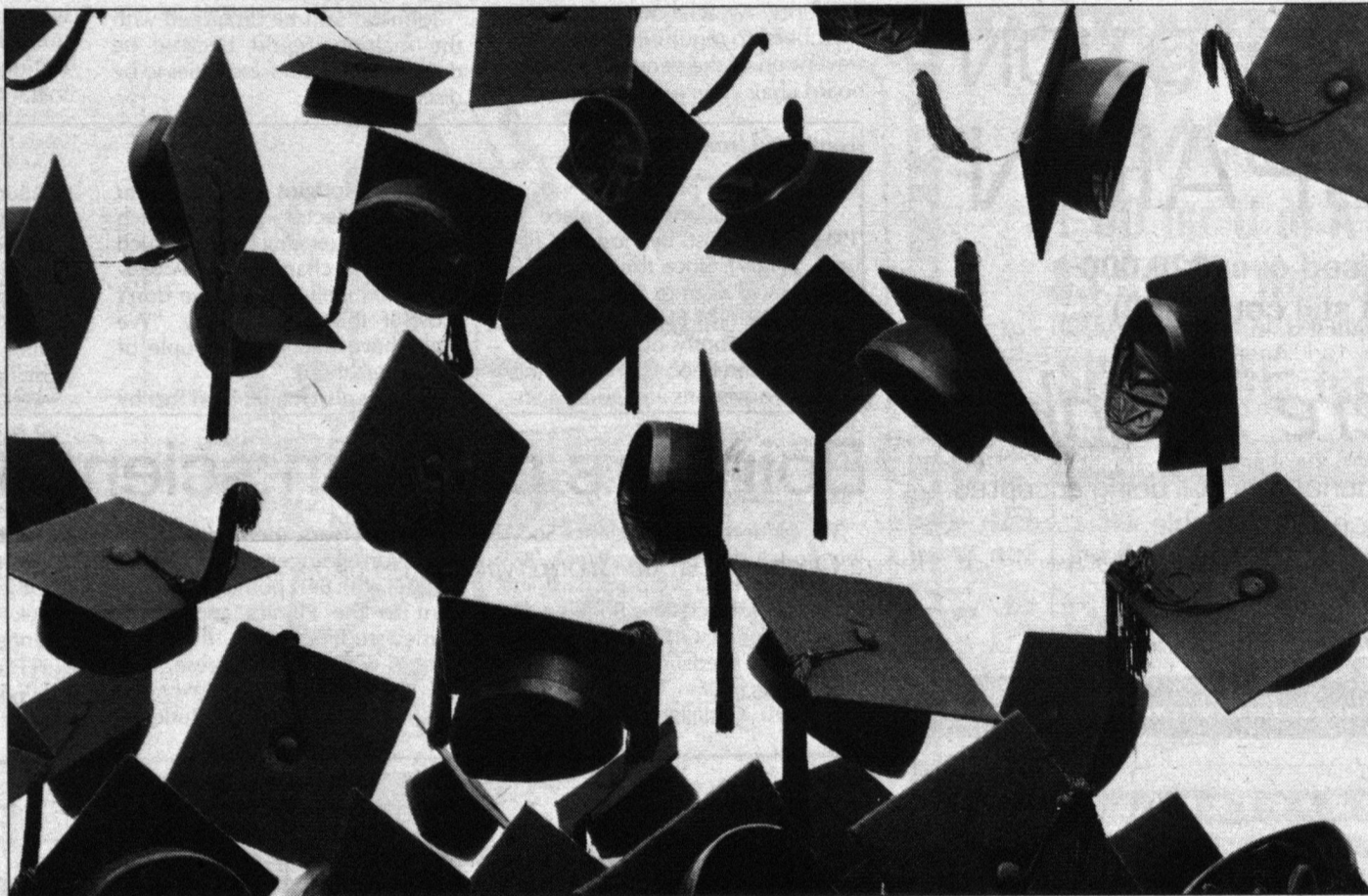
December 8, 1961:

A female student at Oxford University was expelled from the university because it was alleged she was found in bed with a male student. The male student was suspended for two weeks.

March 1, 1955

The two candidates for position of vice-president of mens' athletics, Cy Ing and Joe Kryczka, have decided not to prepare platforms.

When asked how the voter could decide who is best suited for the position, Kryczka replied students will "have to toss a coin".



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