

## Xaviera on sex

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By ROSEMARY McCracken

The Dialectic of Sex, a debate presented by Bethune College, between Esther Greenglass, professor of psychology at York, and Xaviera Hollander, author of *The Happy Hooker*, revealed little communication between the two participants.

According to Phil Rasminsky, chairman of Bethune, Friday's experiment was the first in a proposed debating series featuring "interesting people".

The Dialectic of Sex featured two such "interesting people" — Hollander, ex-prostitute and present-day business tycoon cashing in on her memoirs, and Greenglass, women's liberationist and former participant in the Liberal Party's Task Force on Women — "doing their own thing" in a vacuum, with little exchange of ideas.

Each woman interpreted the title of the debate through her own experience.

Hollander's contribution was a recollection, for the sum of \$500, of several episodes from *The Happy Hooker*.

The first part of her presentation she called "The Dos and Don'ts of Sex," and proceeded to hold her audience's attention with graphic descriptions of oral sex techniques, genital hygiene, and "do-it-yourself" cures for frigidity and impotence.

In the second half of her "lecture," she attempted to explore, with her customary attention to personal detail and oblivious to statistical data, the "social context" of prostitution.

"Dr. David Reuben's (Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex... But Were Afraid to Ask) broad statements that all hookers fake orgasm, are lesbians, or come from deprived families, are overgeneralizations.

Hollander listed the kinds of girls who become prostitutes as "wholesome college girls who want to make extra money, bored housewives, actresses and models during a slow season, immigrants who can't get working papers and unmarried women with children."

Greenglass interpreted The Dialectic of Sex in a political light, in accordance with Kate Millet's book, *Sexual Politics*, associating sex roles with monopoly capitalism.

She stressed that in our society, as a result of having all other avenues closed to her, a woman must rely on her physical and biological traits in order to validate her existence.

She pointed out that Hollander, soon to go to the Supreme Court to fight a deportation order, is a good example of "woman as a victim of the Establishment." Greenglass maintained that the men who frequented Hollander's house in New York should

also be held responsible.

On women's liberation, Hollander, stated, "I'm one of the most sexually liberated people." She said women should quit being so generous, sexually to their men. Hollander stressed that a woman should insist that her man please her physically, just as a man demands sexual gratification from a woman. However, Hollander said, "I like my men, I don't want to castrate them like some women's liberationists want to do".

The Dialectic of Sex was originally scheduled to include John O'Neill, professor of sociology at York and author of *Sociology as a Skin Trade*. O'Neill refused to speak on the panel because of his opposition to appearing on camera. The debate was filmed by CTV, and taped for the CBC radio show *As It Happens*. Hollander also had her own film crew present. She is currently preparing a film of her life and memoirs.



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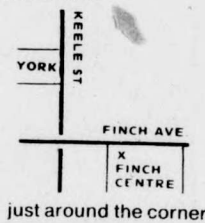
Hollander and Greenglass frame moderator Joan Davies in Bethune's Dialectic of Sex debate.

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The president broke down many times during his speech. He warned, "If in five years you don't change, then you are voting me out of the country's leadership. I would rather die than accept the responsibility of a drunken nation."