

Have Condom will Travel

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Edmonton, Alta. (ISIS) - Have condom, will travel, could be the name of the latest University of Alberta Students' Union safe-sex campaign.

Key chains with a secret condom carrying case are being distributed to promote safe sex and boost the SU image, said SU VP internal Wendy Olsen.

About 100 of the key chains affixed with a black condom locket, monogrammed with the SU logo, are on order for Students' Union councilors.

"The response has been fantastic," said Olsen. "Usually this is something that people are quite shy about, but the response has been very open. Students crave them." Olsen may offer them to the rest of the campus if sales go well.

The condom lockets, which retail for \$3.95, are a "good way to promote safe sex," said Olsen. The key chains "will create an awareness of the importance of safe sexual practises and make students think twice before jumping into anything," said SU VP internal David Tupper.

Monogrammed condom key chains will also help out with public relations. "I think it will make people talk about the Students' Union."

Olsen originally considered investing in condom-carrying purses, and even belt buckles, "but this way it gets around."

Asked if the SU was expecting any problems with people protesting the idea, Olsen said "I don't expect everyone to like them, but if people don't like them they don't like the condoms they can always use the case for carrying money".

"We already have condom machines in the bathrooms," said Tupper. "The SU is recognized as a body endorsing the practise of safe sex."

Known as the "Pursuit of Happiness motion", the SU also installed condom dispensing machines in Students' Union Building washrooms.

Some 5,200 condoms have been sold since the machines were installed two years ago.

But the SU has "no plans for going into the key chain business," said Tupper. "At the moment, we're quite happy to let the key chains ring out their own sales."



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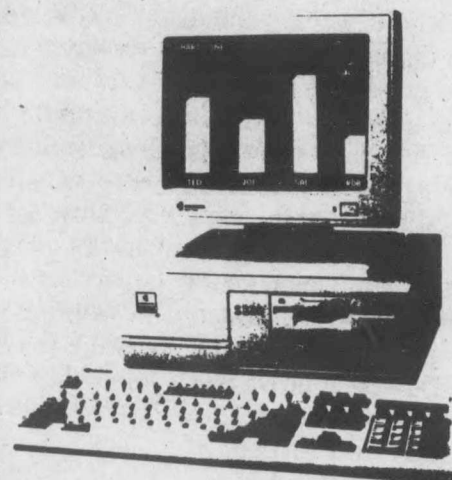
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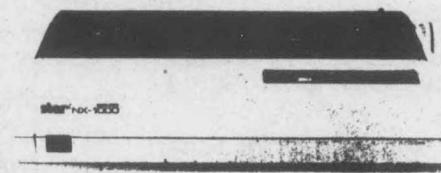
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