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**KAMPUS
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Making WLU safe

Three condom machines will be installed in the Turret later this month, the Student Union decided, blushing and giggling, at a December meeting.

The machines will be installed, operated, and serviced by Hyco. The condoms will sell for \$1, and the Student Union will take a 20 percent, ah, piece of the action.

Board members Scott Piatkowski had legal concerns.

"I take it we're not responsible for, ah, failure of, um . . ." he said. (The Union is not.)

Two of the machines will be installed in the men's washroom, and one in the women's.

The board says it is concerned about the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

Condoms will protect users from all sexually transmitted diseases provided they are intact (ie: no holes) and are used during intercourse.

"What cannot come in contact with an infection cannot be infected," said WLU Nurse Donna Tiegen.

She also advised that women, as well as men, should make it a practice of carrying a condom with them.

Sexually transmitted diseases are no more prevalent here than on any other campus, said Tiegen. Few cases of the more obvious types of STD's, such as gonorrhoea or syphilis, appear at Laurier. On the other hand, bacterial and vaginal infections such as chlamydia and herpes do appear more often. All types of STD's can be prevented if condoms are used.

The Cord Weekly
Wilfred Laurier University
Jan. 8, 1987

Gay not by choice

To the Editor,
Re: *The Awakening Reality of Being Gay*

Finally. A page devoted to the attitudes, feelings and opinions of homosexuals at university struggling with their sexual orientation. Generally, this article was informative and I hope that heterosexuals took the time to read it.

Why would anyone want to "choose" to be an abused, ridiculed and repressed minority? Have heterosexuals chosen their sexual preference? For 90% of the population, either straight or gay, it is not a question of choice. It is the way we are. The only choice for homosexuals is whether to live a lie or be the person one truly is. I have talked with "gay positive" heterosexuals who also believe that being gay was a choice made by the individual. Purely bisexual people may, at some point in their lives, have to make a choice for the type of partner they prefer. However, they did not originally choose to be bi-sexual, unless they had a predisposition for it in the first place. For exclusively homo or hetero individuals I have talked with, there was no choice involved. Can you choose your parents? The country in which you were born? No. For most, the same thing applies to sexual preference.

John Warring
The Ontario
University of Guelph
Dec. 2, 1986

Humanity doomed

Editor:
Re: *The Awakening Reality of Being Gay*

When I was browsing through the November 25 issue I glanced at the mentioned article and turned the page. I then turned it back. I decided if I was going to be anti-gay then it was only fair that I listen to their arguments instead of taking a "I'm right, you're wrong" attitude.

The article got me thinking and I decided that a change was necessary, if we are to become a gay accepting society, on the application forms for residence. I feel that the divisions within the residences that separate male and female are designed to give privacy, respect and to curb sexual occurrences (I know this doesn't work but your parents would be upset if they found out that you were rooming with a member of the opposite sex). I think the question of gay or not should be on the application form to prevent the same sexual contact. I mean if two gays can manage to get the same room would it not be fair to also let heterosexuals live together? If the "gay or not" question existed then the residence people could put gay males in the same room as gay females and the effect would be the same as putting two heterosexuals of the same sex together. The segregation would then be based on sexual preference rather than sex and everyone knows who is gay and who isn't and it would solve the "how do I tell them" problem.

The author also mentions that it is "so hard and bitter and unfair." Well I'm sorry I never forced anyone to be or become gay. They choose the life they are going to live and they can see what will happen to them in the life they choose. If they want to change people's attitudes then having a "Gay Day" is the wrong approach—it has only succeeded in getting people's backs up.

Mr. Smith also mentioned that many of their problems are due to an uncaring society. DO YOU BLAME US? No other species on this planet engages in homosexual behaviour. If our species adopts this style of life then the species is doomed. I strongly feel that reproduction is based on a sexual platform. Nature built us like pieces of a puzzle, we fit together perfectly as heterosexuals. I can't see how gays can say it isn't their fault.

You can call me prejudiced but you can't call me gay.

Francesca Dobbyn
The Ontario
University of Guelph
Dec. 2, 1986

Sex on the farm . . .

Dear Francesca:
(re: letter "Being Anti-Gay," Dec. 2)

Your homophobia appears based upon ignorance. In your letter, you claim that homosexuals choose their sexual preference "and they can see what will happen to them in the life they choose." Most homosexuals and bisexuals are aware of their alternate sexuality from a young age; it is not a question of waking up one morning and deciding, "Well, I think I want to be gay!"

You also state that "no other species on this planet engages in homosexual behaviour." You must be a city girl. Having grown up on a farm, I have seen examples of homosexuality in cows, ducks, pigs, and even horses. You say that, if our species adopts this style of life then the species is doomed. Do you also oppose birth control? This, too, is sex sans procreation. Not to fear Francesca, if our species is doomed, I dare say it won't be due to homosexuality. If I were you, I would put some of my energy into opposing something worthwhile, rather than opposing love (yes, believe it or not, gay love is every bit as true, every bit as romantic as hetero love).

Might I also say that your ardent opposition to homosexuality could be due to an unacceptance of your own suppressed homosexual feelings? I wouldn't be surprised, it's more common than you might think.

Gillian Mais
The Ontario
University of Guelph
Jan. 13, 1987