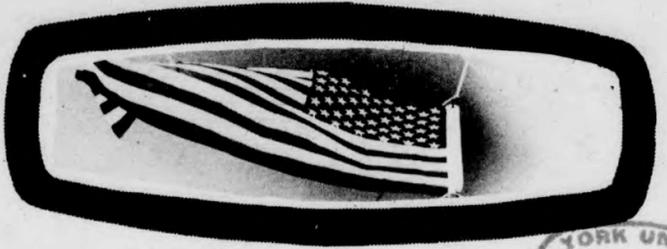


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York slow on birth control Glendon knows all about it

by Olga Shpak

"Birth control? Oh, I'm in favour of it!" was the enthusiastic response from YSC president John Adams. So Adams is interested, the students are interested, but YSC has ignored the whole subject. "It's just never come up as an issue in the council," Adams continued, "if someone asked, I guess we'll send them to health services". Adams' comments, reflecting the entire "Who me?" attitude of the university, aren't the only ones.

When asked about York's official policy on birth control, Henry Best, Director of Student Services, said that there just wasn't one. Apparently, it's all up to the doctors at health services. "We hire a doctor in whom we have faith," said Best, "and I would consider it unethical even to ask him what he does."

Dr. R.J. Wheler of the health services also believes that the decision lies with the doctor, and that the entire issue is strictly a matter between the doctor and the patient. "The university stays out of it completely," he said, "I treat people as I would in private practice."

Dr. Wheler is not a moralist. He will prescribe birth control pills unless there is some medical reason (physical or mental) for not doing so.

He feels that most university students are mature enough to decide for themselves about sex. "I'm not trying to stop them from fornicating," he said, "but I do want to prevent them from getting pregnant... this is avoidable when precautions are taken."

So, health services is about the only place at York that will help the student looking for birth control information.

Strangely enough, on that quiet little "other" campus, a students' council ad hoc committee has taken matters into its own hands and dared to compile a list of doctors who were willing to give birth control information and has actually sent it out to all Glendon students. (Excalibur has a copy of that letter, just in case you don't want to em-

barrass yourself at health services). And that's not all. According to Pro Tem, the Glendon paper, a list of places "where prophylactics can be purchased in both residences for emergency situations" is included in the letter.

Here at York, there don't seem to be any such contraceptive stores in the residences, but a spirit of co-operation and generosity does exist. As one Founders resident put it, "If I needed one, I know who I could probably get one from".

Glendon College isn't the only campus in Canada where birth control information is readily available. The Students Society of McGill University, in conjunction with the student association of Sir George Williams University, Macdonald College, and Bishops University, has produced a "Birth Control Handbook", which describes all the known methods of contraception, their effectiveness, their side effects, the problem of abortion, and comes complete with a glossary of relevant terms.

Inspiration for the book was mainly the fact that 60 to 100 illegal abortions were performed during the last school year at McGill. To the editor of the book, Allan Feingold, this adequately proved the need for some sort of comprehensive birth control information on campus, so together with Dr. Thomas Primrose of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal and some interested students, he produced this handbook.

Student reaction to the book was enthusiastic. According to Feingold, he has received letters and orders from several Canadian universities, among them such institutions as the Universities of Manitoba, Calgary and Western Ontario, and of course all the Quebec universities. Strangely enough, (or maybe not so strange) he hasn't heard anything from York, or the University of Toronto.

If YSC was interested in this very contemporary problem, they could order 1,000 copies of the Birth Control Handbook for \$45 from Allan Feingold at McGill.



Photo by Scott McMaster

This is the handbook McGill gives to ex-virgins before they need it. It describes everything you need to know, and makes interesting reading, as well as being most informative.



Photo by Dave Cooper

One copy of this year's yearbook has finally arrived on campus. Its distribution has been delayed at least one month due to problems with both the editor, Ted Collis, and the printer in Winnipeg. The rest of the books should be arriving soon.

Prof put down by senate

It is possible that the Senate will not debate Professor H.O. Pritchard's motion to expel Excalibur writer Larry Goldstein at its meeting this afternoon.

The Senate Executive Committee has recommended that the motion not be discussed as it is not within the jurisdiction of the Senate.

According to the York University Act, these matters should be presented to the Faculty Council, who would then present their findings to Senate.

Goldstein appeared disheartened that it would not be discussed.

Editor-printer fight:

Yearbook stalled by confusion

by Grant Carter

After a month long delay the York yearbook should be arriving on campus this week, Henry Best, director of student services told Excalibur earlier this week.

Yearbook editor Ted Collis, who is now attending the University of Western Ontario, planned to have Century II distributed immediately after the Christmas break but a series of problems have kept all 725 copies of the 192 page book at the publisher's in Winnipeg.

Collis blames the publisher, National Student Yearbooks for the delay. "I've been calling them twice a week to get the copies shipped. I'm as angry about it as you are."

John Saylor, the manager of the publishing house, places all of the blame on Collis' shoulders. "He is an extremely difficult man to work with."

Henry Best says no one is to blame. When Saylor was asked why the yearbooks hadn't arrived at York he said that he had been plagued with problems since the contract between him and Collis was signed Oct. 2, after Collis left York.

Saylor said the contract is usually signed three months to a year before publication. Collis gave him two months.

Specifications such as page numbers and page layouts are sent in advance, Saylor said, but Collis didn't give him the specifications until Oct. 16 and even then a week was required to rearrange Collis' layouts.

Saylor said one of the biggest problems his company was faced with was the flood of material which arrived Oct. 16.

"Normally we ask for three or four deadlines with a yearbook of this size. Mr. Collis sent everything at once."

Another week was lost when Collis failed to return the page proofs the publisher mailed him for approval.

Despite these problems Century II was completed, bundled up and ready for shipment Jan. 9 but one small problem had to be ironed out.

The publisher said that a poem Collis had included was "dirty". Saylor was under the impression the author of the poem, e.e. cummings, was a York student.

Saylor thought that by printing the poem he

would be liable for any legal actions. He asked Collis for a release from all responsibility Dec. 23, but didn't get a reply until Jan. 11.

"Even then, the letter didn't really release us," Saylor says.

He then phoned Dr. Ross for an official release. He was in turn directed to Henry Best. Best asked for and received a copy of the yearbook on Monday and gave Saylor his release.

Best says he has been assured the yearbooks will arrive this week.

"If they're not in, somebody's playing games," Best said.

"The problems of getting the release is indicative of the problems we had with Mr. Collis," Saylor told Excalibur.

Collis left York last year for Western where he is now editing their yearbook.

He says it was the printer's fault for the week delay over the proofs.

"He sent them to York not to Western," Collis said.

Collis said he called in December and the books weren't ready. Since then he says he has been in constant contact with Winnipeg. Saylor says this isn't so.

Collis now says he is thinking of taking the publishing house to court over the delay.

"The poem was not libelous, profane but suggestive as e.e. cummings is. I have been in contact with York's solicitors over taking the publisher to court but I haven't heard what decision they have made."

If we have problems getting our yearbooks then Western can expect the same this time next year.

Nancy Rodrigues, editor-in-chief of the UWO Gazette, says Collis has no staff at the present time and no pictures for their yearbook.

He is involved in a dispute with the Gazette over a picture they ran of him in his underwear. He has threatened to sue the Gazette.

She says the student council is also annoyed with Collis because he signed with a Toronto publisher without the council's permission. Western doesn't permit any organization to sign contracts without their council's permission.

Collis recently told the Western council there is only an 80 per cent chance of having their yearbook finished by Sept. 1.