

Nearly half of 196 women didn't want the baby

HALIFAX (CUP) — Nearly half of the 196 pregnant women surveyed at the time of delivery in a Halifax hospital told researchers they had not wanted to have a baby.

The research study, conducted by Dalhousie University's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, shows that 87 (44 per cent) of 196 pregnancies were reported to be unwanted initially by the women.

Although there was a high rate of

conversion to wanting the baby at the time of delivery or just after delivery, 18 babies (nine per cent) of the 196 were reported to be still unwanted after delivery. Six per cent of the children were given up to agencies.

The study says that the unwanted pregnancy is "apparently not preventable by our present approach to sex education and family planning, and throws a large burden of unwanted children

on the community."

A summary of the study's contents is published in the current newsletter of the Family Planning Federation of Canada.

The newsletter summary notes that "the majority occurred in well educated married women having their first or second baby and in spite of adequate access to contraceptive material."

A statistical projection of the results indicates that of the

approximately 3,200 pregnancies in the hospital surveyed, every year 1,500 would still be initially unwanted and 300 would still be unwanted after delivery. Of the 300 babies still unwanted after delivery, 100 would be taken home, while 200 would be given up for adoption.

The study goes on that even with the marked decrease in births in Nova Scotia from 1965 to 1970 the total population increase was 40,000 or five per cent. With a net

emigration of 4,000 per year the actual increase in numbers of people was 20,000 or two and a half per cent.

The Dalhousie study was done by Sharon Stone, R.N., with Dr. Kenneth Scott of Halifax in 1971.

Stone is currently preparing the survey for publication in a Canadian Medical Journal. She says that the study shows trends lie in those found in England, and sees a need for more research on unwanted pregnancies.



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Guelph students may stop building funds

GUELPH (CUP) — The University of Guelph's university centre, presently under construction, may be halted if the administration does not allow students a substantial control over the building.

The student council executive said Friday, October 26 that, if students are not allowed to have more control over the building than they presently exercise, their funds will be withdrawn and a referendum held on whether the centre should be completed.

Students have contributed over \$2.5 million towards the costs of the

\$6.7 million building. The funds were approved for the construction of a student union building by referendum in 1966. But the building had changed since then, and a further referendum approved changes after provincial grant structures changed.

But the university later decided to combine the university centre

with their own planned administration building, without student approval.

Students having paid for over one third of the buildings have seem almost three floors of the five floor building taken over by the administration, including space for what is described as "group therapy".

Insects for protein?

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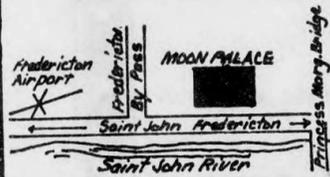
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