

# Dr. Johnson speaks on contraception

By SAMANTHA BRENNAN

Every fall Dr. Joe Johnson of Student Health makes his pitch to first year students about human sexuality and responsible contraception.

His appearances at Dalhousie residences and at orientation have

come to be known as "Dr. Joe's Travelling Sex Show."

In his years as a university doctor, Dr. Johnson says the attitudes of male students have changed towards contraception.

"Students in general have changed," says Johnson.

"Today we have more women who insist on seeing women doc-

tors than we have men asking to see only men doctors."

When talking to men about their responsibility for contraception Johnson has to fight stereotypes of the modern woman.

"One common myth is that all university women are on the pill," says Johnson. "But it's just not true."

Johnson says that he hopes most people have some sort of caring relationship before engaging in sexual intercourse, but as a university doctor he must recognize the realities of university life.

"Most people are very responsible," says Johnson. "Problems arise when people have a few drinks on the weekend and get carried away."

The health clinic exists for students to come in and talk about birth control before this happens, he says. Student health is able to fit women with diaphragms, IUD's and give prescriptions for the Pill.

If a woman has unprotected sex, Johnson says the clinic also gives out the "Morning after pill."

This pill contains mostly progesterone and works by stimulating conditions that naturally occur just before menstruation, says Johnson. He says Dalhousie has never given out the DES morning pill that caused controversy at other campuses.

"Sexuality is a perfectly normal thing," says Johnson. "The time to discuss whether to have intercourse and what method of birth control to use is nine a.m. on a Monday morning, not midnight on a Saturday night." □

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## International students get together

By ELIZABETH DONOVAN

A reception coordinated by the International students society united foreign students from several Halifax universities to meet faculty members, as well as community and campus resource persons.

During the open house, guest speakers addressed problems unique to international students.

Problems surrounding Halifax's housing shortage is compounded by some landlords discriminating against international students.

May Lui, from the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, and international student herself during college, is well aware of the obstacles that confront foreign students.

Lui says the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination against any individual or class of individuals because of sex, race, religion, national origin or colour.

"I walked away then, but I shouldn't have. Students should press these situations further by contacting the Human Rights Commission. We will investigate every complaint," said Lui.

Karanja Njoroge, Dalhousie International student coordinator, says first year international students who move to a culture different from their own risk "culture shock."

To aid in this transition Counseling and Psychological services at Dalhousie and Host Family Association spoke to the students about their respective services.

Other guest speakers were Paul Collen, from Canadian Immigration Commission, Dean Marriott and Inspector Storm, from Halifax City Police. □