

Health service hasn't got pill

The pill only indirectly available to U of A girls

By MIRIAN McCLELLAN

Sorry girls, U of A student health services do not have the "pill".

Birth control pills are indirectly available, however. A married female student or the wife of a student may obtain a prescription from a health service doctor but she must purchase the pills elsewhere herself.

"There is no official university policy on birth control pills but student health services decided not to distribute them with the free medicine and drugs available to all students," said Dr. J. F. Elliott.

Dr. Elliott, university health services director, said "We do not think the taxpayers of Alberta should supply birth control pills to students when they are not used for treatment of a disease or disorder."

TREATMENT OF DISEASE

"Birth control pills are given directly from the health services only in cases where they are indicated for treatment of disease. They are the best treatment we know for some disorders," said Dr. Elliott.

"No doubt some doctors consider their work at the student health services part of their private practices and they would use their own judgement in prescribing birth control pills to a girl," he said.

"This might happen in a case where a girl is about to be married and both she and her fiance decide to have premarital intercourse.

"The doctor most likely wouldn't tell me about giving the prescription because it is against our policy but we treat our work here as a clinic service where each student is treated individually," said Dr. Elliott.

Phil Ponting, students' union treasurer, has suggested to the health services a need for a seminar or teach-in on family planning and birth control.

UNINFORMED

Dr. Elliott said, "Many students, both married and unmarried are uninformed about birth control. It takes great care to stay on the pill so that not a day is missed. If a girl takes it improperly, she can get pregnant easily.

"Most of the topics on birth control were discussed by Dr. Vant in his lectures and all the students' questions were answered openly and frankly at the follow-up seminars," said Dr. Elliott.

No definite action has been taken by either the students' union or the health services to arrange a birth control seminar.

The law on birth control in Canada is very rigid. It is illegal to sell any birth control devices or give any information about birth control.

Dr. Elliott said, "I can not foresee the health service policy on birth control pills changing at this time. Personally, I think it is up to the individual to make the decision whether to take birth control pills and provide herself with them."



—Neil Driscoll photo

ONWARD, EVER ONWARD—These dauntless dandies, Dan Edgar, driver, and Jim Thompson, navigator, were bound and determined to finish Saturday's Gronk Rally. Between check points four and five, their gearshift linkage broke. Skipping their coffee break, they ripped the car apart, put it back together, and carried on, arriving at check-point five a minute early. They finished in 38th place with 108 points.

Campus residences have new rules and regulations on visiting hours

By SUSAN GEORGE

"The Lister Hall residences are built like a prison, all the home atmosphere is lost" said Father Montague of St. Joe's.

"At St. Joe's we have no written rules, the boys make their own, and they keep them."

"You can't compare a small residence like that to one of this size," said Brian Swann, chairman of the ground floor of Henday Hall. "Here rules are very necessary."

In St. Joe's the boys are allowed

to have girls into their rooms at reasonable hours and the times are up to the boys themselves," said Father Montague.

"Anyone who is a nuisance, annoying the other boys with noise, can expect a visit from one of the prefects. We have four, two on each floor," he said.

"After eleven most guys want to get some sleep," said prefect, Lavern Stroeder. "The boys are expected to be courteous to one another and they generally don't abuse their privileges."

"They are mostly seniors, with about a quarter frosh. They come from out of town and living in residence with guys who have gone through the adjustment period themselves helps the frosh to adjust more easily," he said.

At first they're quiet, then they see the older boys and how they use their privileges and they learn to be more outgoing without abusing the privileges, said Stroeder.

"That wouldn't work for 600 boys," said Brian Swann of Henday Hall, "It's a kind of honor system, I suppose, but there are just too many people living here for it to work."

"We can have our girlfriends into residence from 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays, and then in the lounge from 6 to 10 p.m." he said.

These are new rules which went into effect Sunday.

St. Stephens also has new visiting hours for female friends, they are from 7 to 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

OPEN HOUSE

This decision was reached after the students presented a brief to the residence committee and the executive board members Friday that they have an open house.

The female guests and their hosts must sign the guest book in the rotunda stating times of arrival and expected departure. Room doors must be left open.

The rules for the girls living in Kelsey Hall are different. They can have male friends in their rooms from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

"We don't really want to change the rules for girls," said the chairman of the fifth floor of Kelsey Hall, Erica Handel.

"Having boys on the floor puts a strain on the girls. They feel better when it's just girls."

'Student groups should get more CUS aid'



UBC'S SEAN SULLIVAN

... 'we might change the organization'

UBC president discusses the union while on campus to inspect SUB

Provincial students' organizations should be receiving more assistance from the Canadian Union of Students, says Sean Sullivan, president of University of British Columbia students' union.

Sullivan was in Edmonton Thursday to inspect the students' union building.

He told The Gateway that although UBC has voted for remaining in CUS, "the vote was not a vote of confidence in CUS as it now is."

"The feeling was if we stayed in we might change the organization.

"If we had pulled out it would have been the end of CUS as a national union," said Sullivan.

He believes much of the work CUS is attempting to do can be handled through provincial students' unions.

"Decentralization of function would also mean decentralization of finances. CUS should finance provincial work or send their own workers out there," said Sullivan.

Financing of CUS was a major issue in UBC's recent referendum. They are now paying 65 cents per student, ten cents below the standard CUS rate.

Sullivan did not blame all of CUS's faults on the organization.

"I blame inefficiency on members of the union. It is our fault."