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Professor J.P. Siegel,
associated dean of the faculty
of management studies,
University of Toronto will be on Campus,
December 2, Room S169 Ross,
from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
to talk with interested students.

Women in Cuba make gains, but gays still 'a social disease'

By HOMILY

Women in Cuba are closer to gaining equal status with men today, 16 years after Fidel Castro's revolution, than at any other time in their history.

This was the message Margaret Randall, author of *Women in Cuba*, came to York last week, to deliver.

But while Cuban women have made advances since 1959, the battle for equality is by no means over, pointed out Randall.

For one thing, Cuba has totally neglected the struggle for gay rights. Gays, says Randall, are still considered a "social pathology".

Shortly after the revolution the government strove to improve the position of women in the Cuban society, through education and social action, directed towards three main groups of

women—peasant women, ex-prostitutes and maids.

One such campaign involved sending students from the age of 11 to 18 into the countryside to teach the peasants to read and write, while women were brought to the cities to learn dress-making skills.

All these changes have had to be instituted against Cuba's machismo heritage, still very prevalent in the country. But a new

bill recently passed in Cuba guarantees a wide range of rights which will change the Cuban woman's place in the family, and may free her from many of the traditional bonds which has held her back in the past.

Randall felt that now that many of the basic economic problems have begun to be met, the Cuban people will turn to wider social reforms.

If you can keep your head...

"Our primary concern needs to be with the cultivation of a life-consciousness amidst a disintegrating world," Dr. Bill Bahan told a group of over 400 people Saturday, at Glendon College.

The symposium, titled "The New Consciousness Essential For A New World," was developed by four main speakers; guest lecturers, Dr. Joseph Houlton, Egon

Milinkovich, William Porter and Bahan.

Houlton humourously portrayed Murphy's Law ("If anything could go wrong it will") with a far-fetched story that began with an elephant sitting on his friend's little red Volkswagen and climaxed with his wife driving through their garage door, all in the same day.

Porter, head of a communal farm near King City, developed the theme of an ancient tabernacle and mentioned the need to prevent environmental influences from disturbing one's inner space.

A sudden change occurred in the audience as Bahan spoke. Some nodding heads were quickly uprighted by the directness of his words. As Bahan put it, "The new consciousness relates to a process of dehypnotizing oneself from the disintegrating world."

The high-spirited audience left with "The Welcome Song" ringing in their ears.

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