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## Harbinger's column

### Pro and contraception

The first weeks of September are hectic ones, whether this is your first or fifth year at York. The list of things to do seems endless - from moving to buying books, and remembering to pack a lunch every morning. But somehow, most of the vital items get crossed off your list as the routine eventually settles in.

One item which is often forgotten (maybe it didn't even make your list in the first place), is birth control. University campuses, it has been suggested, have been known to harbour sexual activity. It is, however, not listed in the York directory, so sometimes it's overlooked when you're thinking ahead about the year. Planning ahead does not take the romance or spontaneity out of sexual encounters or relationships. Instead, it proves you are taking the initiative over an area of your life. Women particularly fear that recognizing their sexuality is somehow 'unfeminine' and they would rather 'just let things happen'. The fact is your birth control needs can save you undesired consequences later on.

High school health and family education classes often cloud the facts with wishful thinking.

Contrary to popular myths, a woman can get pregnant the first time she has intercourse whether or

not she has an orgasm. All it takes is one drop of semen, which is often released before a man ejaculates. This means that withdrawal, often relied on as a first-time method of birth control, is not very effective.

Sperm travel far, and pregnancy can sometimes result even if sperm are deposited outside the vagina. Douching, likewise, is not a method of birth control. In fact, it often pushes the sperm further into the vagina, giving it a better chance to find a fertile site for conception. Using Vaseline or any petroleum base jelly as a lubricant for intercourse is unwise. It tends to deteriorate condoms and diaphragms which are made from rubber. Sterile lubricants, such as K-Y jelly, are available without prescription.

Knowing the facts is often not enough if you don't use them. Information on birth control is available from Harbinger, either at the Central Square information table for the next two weeks, or from the office at 214 Vanier residence. All our counselling is confidential.

This weekly column will cover a variety of topics in the following weeks; birth control; drugs; healthcare; abortion, and related issues.

### Gays meet and demonstrate

By GARY KINSMAN

During the labour day weekend in Toronto at Jarvis Collegiate, two-hundred and fifty lesbians and gay men met at the fourth annual national gay conference.

The highlight of the conference was a demonstration through the streets of Toronto, on Saturday September 4th. More than three hundred lesbian women and gay men marched from Allen Gardens to City Hall.

The rest of the conference consisted of a number of panel discussions, a series of workshops, a dance, a coffee-house, and meetings of the National Gay Rights Coalition.

On Saturday a panel discussion on police repression against gays took place. It was pointed out that over the last year police harassment and victimization of

gays have been steadily increasing.

Stuart Russell of the Gay Coalition Against Repression, told the audience about the 150 people who had been arrested in Montreal police raids on lesbian and gay clubs before the Olympics. Stephen Shireffs representing the Gay Alliance Towards Equality in Vancouver, after detailing police harassment in that city, talked about the need for gays to have a policy of "no collaboration with the police", and the need to "actively mobilize against police attacks". Paul Trollope of the Gay Alliance at York, talked about the legal rights of gay people when faced by the police.

On the second day of the conference a panel on the relationship between the gay and womens liberation movement took place. Therese Faubert of the lesbian caucus of the Gay Alliance Towards

Equality in Toronto, talked about how lesbians, "are oppressed both as women and as gay people." Giallian Chase of the Other Women newspaper pointed to some of the "middle class" aspects of the gay movement and spoke in favour of the gay movement supporting, "the womens and lesbian struggle". Marie Robertson of Ottawa talked about "the need for lesbian autonomy and an independent lesbian movement, since lesbian's needs are not met inside the gay men's movement".

On the final day a plenary session passed several motions. The motions included reiteration of the gay movements support for the John Damien struggle, support for gay workers in the trade unions forming gay caucuses to fight for "no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation" in their union contracts and by-laws.

## ATTENTION

### ALL FACULTY OF ARTS STUDENTS

Due notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 30th at 3 p.m. in CLH "A" the Faculty of Arts Student Caucus (F.A.S.C.) will sponsor an electoral convention for the purpose of deciding this year's new student representatives on the Council of the Faculty of Arts.

*All currently registered Faculty of Arts students are eligible for nomination.*

*All currently registered Faculty of Arts students are eligible to vote for their choice of nominees at this convention and are cordially invited to attend.*

*The nomination period opens on Monday, September 20th and closes at 12 noon, Thursday, September 30th.*

*Nomination forms will be available at the following locations:*

- C.Y.S.F. Offices, Central Square
- Marla Chodac, Administrative Assistant to the Council RM. S 935 Ross Bldg.
- F.A.S.C. information table, Central Square between 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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