

Marijuana: the second most favorite chemical in the whole, wide world

By GARY GAYDA

Pot and Pat
 'My first experience with marihuana was at York last year,' the student said. Pat (not the student's real name), had consented to tell me about a 'pot' experience. 'It was a quiet, friendly pot-party.'

Interviewer: 'Where did you get it?'

Pat: 'Well, it's available quite readily in Yorkville.' (At least one student was getting it last month) 'But we got it from Chicago by mail.'

Interviewer: 'How many were at the party?'

Pat: 'I'd rather not say.' (There were 5)

Interviewer: 'Was it planned?'

Pat: 'Yes. It's very important to have a familiar atmosphere, and people around you when you take it.'

Interviewer: 'What effect did marihuana have on you?'

Pat: 'Well, it's hard to describe, although I am aware of its effect on me. (Pause) I noticed a repetitive rhythm, with six stages. A slight uneasiness quickly gave way to the first stage--a hilarious high. Everything was so damn funny: objects,

people, thoughts, everything. Then, I began to feel cold. It was winter, but the room was well-heated. Still, I felt cold, and my heart speeded up.'

Interviewer: 'When was this?'

Pat: 'About twenty or thirty minutes after inhaling. After that stage, a relaxed, faintly languorous feeling came. Then a heightened sense-awareness. Colors seemed vivid, and merged. Music seemed distorted, and then very clear. I became very sensitive to different scents about the room. Or did I imagine them? They seemed very real, though. I was overcome with awe. And this awe

was endless--for time and space were endless. I walked along beside the tennis court, and an hour later, I looked back. I had walked only a few feet, and not more than a minute had passed. The sun was setting, and I stared at it until it went down. The colours were beautiful--the reds and yellows were brilliant.'

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Birth control book:

It's here at Excalibur, but it's illegal

By VAL GRANT

Every time a girls takes a birth control pill she is legally put in the same category as a back street butcher-abortionist.

That's what Section 150(2c) of the Criminal Code of Canada says. By this federal law it is a criminal offense to "sell, advertise, publish, use, have for sale or disposal any means, instruction, drug or medicine" for birth control or abortion.

Even a Roman Catholic priest giving instruction on the rhythm of birth control could be prosecuted under this law.

Despite the law, *Excalibur* feels it is the right and the responsibility of every university student to know about the various methods of birth control. It is stressed however, that each individual must make his or her own decision on whether to engage in pre-marital sex.

Excalibur will begin distributing copies of the McGill university "Birth Control Handbook" for a token price of 10 cents a copy today.

The handbook provides detailed information on all methods of birth control from oral contraceptives to the rhythm method, and clearly outlines the side effects and safeness of each. It also has a section dealing with abortions.

The chances of *Excalibur* being prosecuted for their criminal offense of distributing the handbook are slim.

Mrs. E. Jocelyn of the Planned Parenthood Association says her organization tried unsuccessfully to force the issue in a test court case two years ago.

A reporter from a Toronto paper bought a book on birth control from them and took it to the police, asking that the Association be prosecuted. The police refused to lay a charge. They said no judge would ever hand down a conviction.

So, our present outdated law on birth control, although up for revision, is still on the books.

There is new legislation before Parliament which would take birth control out of the Criminal Code and put it into the Food and Drug Act. But this bill is being held up in the House of Commons. With 49 other pieces of legislation waiting, chances are slim for the passage of the bill this session.

This bill, the "Bill to Amend the Food and Drug Act and the Narcotic Control Act," lumps birth control with narcotics. The hold-up is in the inclusion of LSD and the exclusion of marijuana in the bill.

Meanwhile, every doctor and clergyman who instructs in or prescribes birth control and every person who practises it is breaking the law.

The Planned Parenthood Association fought hard not to have birth control included in the new "Omnibus Bill" which covers abortion and homosexuality. Now, ironically enough, this bill is about to be passed

while their bill is tied up in Parliament.

The Association feels the McGill handbook is a very good pamphlet, but they caution students against using the facts without first developing their own individual philosophy.

The Association indicates that pressure from universities on the government could provide the extra push needed to get the badly needed new birth control legislation through.

The Planned Parenthood Association could name only two prosecu-

tions under the present law in recent decades.

In 1938, a Kitchener woman with the birth control agency was acquitted when it was proven to the judge's satisfaction that her distribution of birth control information was for the public good.

More recently however, a Toronto man who called himself a pharmacist and ran a mail-order birth control business, was convicted.

Excalibur will distribute the 2,000 copies of the handbook it purchased from McGill for 10 cents a copy.

If there aren't enough copies of the handbook for every interested student, *Excalibur* hopes the Federation Council will purchase more copies.

Until now the Federation Council has shown no interest in making birth control information available on campus even though several Canadian and American universities and *Excalibur* contributed towards publishing the handbook.

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Airline exploits women

By BOB WALLER

She smiles, she fluffs up pillows for you, she wears shorter skirts.

That's the line of one Air Canada advertisement that appeared in *Globe and Mail's* Report on Business on February 19.

In the ad, which appears below, the government-owned airline appeals to executives to fly Air Canada because "We try to make business trips a pleasure!"

And how do they do so? Why, of course, they offer "an Air Canada stewardess. Nice company coast to coast!"

In the ad, as you can read, the company presents their 'typical' stewardess as a butcher would—as a prime piece of beef.

The objectification and dehumanization of women to serve commercial purposes is nothing new in advertising. Corporations discovered a long time ago that capitalizing on one of the basic needs and pleasures—sex—to sell their wares was effective.

Naturally, however, they didn't exploit men as well as women. Simply put, the reason why is that most of the people who began utilizing women for profits were men and with some exceptions, objectifying men in advertisements was not particularly attractive (i.e. it wouldn't sell).

Also, it should be added that our society is dominated by men; our culture is patterned by men and consequently works to reinforce their dominant positions; and finally, our profits-first society is controlled by men.

Needless to say, however, the ills of this situation will not be remedied by objectifying men along with women. Unfortunately, a trend to do so seems to be appearing (remember the groin deoderant for men, Braggi?) in recent advertising. Two exploitations have never made a liberation.

That may seem a little general to apply to a roasting of an Air Canada advertisement. What is important is to see that a crown corporation which is supposed to run in the inter-

This is an Air Canada stewardess.
Nice company coast-to-coast!

Her hair. Looks great. She's now allowed to fix it the way that makes her look best. Which is kind of nice!

A pretty smile. Goes a long way to soothe the business mind. One of our greatest assets!

Her new uniform. It makes a big difference to how she looks. She looks better. She knows it. So she shows it—in lots of little ways.

Our schedule. With more flights to more places in Canada than any other airline. Businessmen particularly like the extra convenience! See your Travel Agent.

Her legs. The pride of Canada! A sight for many a sore businessman's eye!

Her hands. They fluff up your pillow; hand you magazines, and serve you delicious Connoisseur Service on all our North American DC-8 and DC-9 flights of over 2 hours.

We try to make business trips a pleasure!

AIR CANADA 

We're going places!

ests of all the citizens of Canada is, in fact, exploiting one-half of the population by running the ad below which dehumanizes women as some sort of pleasure machines.

In doing so, Air Canada reveals itself as being basically as oppressive as car companies and other large

corporations. If it will boost profits, use it.

They recognize that themselves. At the bottom of the ad they say: "We're going places!"

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