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Stomping on the student press

Slick freebie magazines in vicious turf war with student papers

by Doug Saunders

Peel open their glossy covers and you enter an alternative universe, a fourth dimension most often glimpsed through beer commercials and daytime television. It is a world where students, well-groomed and grinning, are distracted only by a vast array of consumer products as they march steadfast along their tree-lined Career Paths, making the Right Decisions because they Know Their Options. When they're not busy charting their futures, these campus denizens are out doing Interesting Things: taking trips (*sans* chemicals) to exotic and rugged locales, making surprising sums of money running small businesses, or displaying their golden (*always* golden) bodies, encased in the latest career-conscious fashions, to members of the opposite (*always* opposite) sex. While wearing condoms, of course.

Welcome to the wartless world of *Campus Canada* and *Looking Up*, Canada's full-colour "student" magazines. In case you haven't guessed, neither is owned or operated by any actual students.

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Condoms available nearly everywhere

by Sheldon Ford

Getting a condom at York is easier than getting a seat in the student centre foodcourt.

You can find condoms in bowls, on key chains, and on top of various tables at York.

The easy access of condoms to York students is a good way to promote safe and responsible sex.

"Many people have their first sexual experience during orientation," says Heather Dryden, vice-president of equality and social affairs for the York Federation of Students.

According to Dryden, condoms distributed by the federation are do-

nated by the manufacturer. The 2,500 condoms received have almost been depleted and they are now asking the university to buy more.

During Orientation the YFS also organized a Condom Olympics to bring further awareness of condom use to students.

The Office of Student Affairs orientation committee made sure that condoms were given to resident students as well as given out at the university's registration fair. They were also available to commuter students in their office.

Respect Yourself, a student group on the University of Toronto's Erindale campus, failed in its attempt to ban condoms from orientation

packages this year. The group condemns homosexual activity and insists that sex should be reserved for heterosexual monogamous marriages.

"AIDS is a reality and no group, student or administration has the right to stop the distribution of condoms," said Brian Rigg from the Bisexual Lesbian Gays at York student group.

BLGAY gives out a variety of condoms for the students' different needs. They can be used during oral sex on a woman by cutting the condom up one side and spreading it over her genitals.

At York the distribution of condoms have received almost no protest. The federation and the Student

Affairs office received very few complaints from students and no complaints or protests from any campus groups.

According to Debbie Ham, Orientation coordinator for Student Affairs, response from both students and parents has been positive and

people are happy with the fact that safe sex is being encouraged on campus.

The Women's Centre — a 'women-only' space on campus — the York Lanes medical center and many residence Dons also have free condoms available for students.

Students get phoney course kits

by Kirsten Ruecker

Some York students purchased reading kits last month from false representatives of Kinko's Copies.

Duncan McKinnon, the manager of Kinko's in York Lanes mall, estimates kits sold in at least two courses were useless.

A man and a woman arranged to be at the first day of classes for at least six courses, McKinnon said. English professor Norman Feltes said he was contacted by a man who implied he was a representative of Kinko's.

Feltes said he came to his class and found a woman addressing the students. "She said they would like to give the students a break in beating the queue."

Feltes said the kits sold by

the woman contained the right cover page but the contents were useless.

According to McKinnon, the sellers claimed the materials were sold at discounted prices because they were on "cheaper paper" or they were "defective." They only accepted cash or cheque made out to cash only and no receipt was given, he added.

Tim Anningson, a second year English student was told by the woman when he bought the kit, "We at Kinko's don't like to accept cheques. Please make it out to cash."

When Anningson realized the kit contained the wrong contents he put a stop payment on the cheque. Anningson said the woman then called him and later admitted to being hired by a man "to make a quick buck."

"There is quite possibly a number of students that haven't heard about this yet, and think Kinko's ripped them off," McKinnon said. Kinko's will exchange any incorrect materials for the correct course kit with no charge except for royalties, he added.

McKinnon said he notified campus security and on Sept. 16, a man was apprehended in a York parking lot York security reports say the man would not cooperate or identify himself, even when Metro Police were present later. However, security discovered his name and gave him a notice of trespass.

Security has completed its investigation without recommending criminal charges. Kinko's is consulting a lawyer on whether they will sue the persons involved.



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