

If the condom fits...

What kind of woman buys prophylactics? Me, I guess. I read the ad. I saw the slick delivery. Those beautiful models with the new fashions and sophisticated expressions. Today's kind of woman. That's all right. Sure, I'm more concerned and aware of my body than ever before. I do think that birth control is an up-front issue now, and that there's nothing tacky or tacky about informing women of a better method. And I think that any businessman that presents all the facts in a mature and direct manner has got me. In fact, I bought a whole case of 'em, which brings me to

my point. . . . Okay Mister Smart Guy, just how do those things work!?! I mean, it's like you've got no idea of basic female anatomy! Where do they go? How do they stay on? Look, I've got ribbed ones and lubricated ones; I've got your flaming pink and your emerald green ones and I'm still filling my house with kids! I've tried them up here and down there but there's no belts or pins! And I've got to go through this twenty-one times a month without forgetting? I couldn't swallow one on a bet. They don't even look like they were made for women!

I say forget the letters that demand we ban these ads and next time have them include instructions or diagrams or something. Otherwise, all this discrete candor from Madison Avenue just gets me confused.
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Science IV

Elastic morality

I speak with regard to Ross Smillie's "chic" letter of the 13th. Mr. Smillie's "morality... based on laws of human nature and relationships that can never change" implies a static universe and a static man. This I find objectionable. On the contrary, it seems that man's mental and physical attributes, as well as his circumstances, change constantly. Morality, which is something acceptable behavior based on these realities, is thus likely to change correspondingly. An inherited "code of morality" can inhibit this change and consequently be harmful; a state of "floating" morality permits morality to be formed by current reality. Present attitudes towards sex approach this state. The prophylactic ad is an example of the beneficial effect of present flexibility. It is a humorous part of the ongoing elimination of a sexual stereotype (that is, that women

do not enjoy sex) that, one hundred years ago, was part of a "code of morality." As such, the ad did not in the least distress me. (Birthright ads do, on the other hand.) I remind Mr. Smillie that the ad did not suggest even remotely that the product should be used outside of marriage.

Finally, it is fact that men and women have, in every society in every age since man became man, partaken in non-marital sexual relations. It is fact that many of these men and women have had to "pay-later" for their actions. And it is fact that more of these men and women have suffered from the feelings of guilt associated with violating a "code of morality" and from the persecution of an intolerant society, than have suffered because of any harm done independently by their actions to their bodies or minds.

Let's show a little tolerance!
Ken Graham

Rubber bullets

Regarding the letter in Feb. 13 *Gateway* condemning our morals, I'm sick of reading letters written by science students who have never been laid.

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P.S. It does not turn black and fall off after intercourse.

P.P.S. Why do moralists feel social guilt while everyone else just feels tits and asses?

P.P.P.S. Mom thinks condoms are great and says she should have started to use them long ago.

P.P.P.P.S. A friend just told me he hadn't heard of Condoms before seeing the *Gateway* and feels that they are terrific. In his own words "Sure it feels like I'm in another room when I use them, but they really do cut down on penicillin. I just hope all my kids hear about them too!"

P.P.P.P.P.S. Why isn't the *Gateway* as good as last year?

Obvious conclusion for housing study

So the university is launching a study to determine what to do about its student housing problems (*Gateway*, January 30, page one).

According to Dana Roman's article, part of the problem is that, while there is a 3 year waiting list to get into North Garneau, Lister Hall and Pembina Hall currently have a 10% vacancy rate.

It is not surprising that most students would rather live in a

classy old North Garneau house than a sterile cubicle in a modern high-rise. What is surprising is that, despite these figures, the university persists in its policy of systematically evicting North Garneau residents and converting their houses into offices.

"At least three more houses this spring," is the privately stated conviction of one university official. And they will likely be the last three houses still used as student residences on Saskatchewan Drive between 110 and 111 streets.

Lacking the economic justification — not to mention the gumption to face public protests — to simply level North Garneau and erect yet another modern glass-and-steel monstrosity, the university has found a quieter method of "academic expansion."

The solution to the univer-

sity's housing problem seems simple: instead of converting the much-in-demand Garneau houses into offices, why not use the already vacant space in Lister and Pembina Halls? Such a move would not only ameliorate the vacancy rate in the residences, but help as well to conserve the student housing capacity of North Garneau, an area where vacancy rates are unheard of.

It could very well be that the university's presumably high-priced "four-phase study" will ultimately recommend something along these lines. In any case, further action by the university in the student housing area (such as converting more North Garneau houses) should be suspended until the advisory committee makes its report.

Frank Burgess
Ed 4

Puffing in peace denied demon smoker

This letter is to be forwarded to those responsible for the gross indecencies in Rutherford South, but not before it is read by the "little green men" (who patrol the aisles of Rutherford South looking for the "demon smoker") and also Ms. Donnelly, crusader for the rights of non-smokers. Well, people, smokers have their rights too!

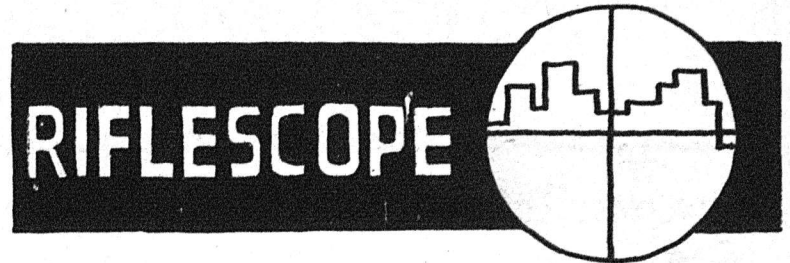
Ms. Donnelly feels that smokers should be relegated either to the Ho Chi Min Trail passageway between HUB and Rutherford North) or to the great outdoors." Obviously

some people haven't noticed this is February, not July, and it's not actually the Bahamas out there. A recent Statistics Canada survey showed that the smoking of a cigarette takes between three and five minutes (slightly longer for king size). Standing outside for this period of time would likely qualify the participant as a contestant for next year's ice statues contest in Quad. Talk about cruel and inconsiderate!

True, cigarette smoke to the asthmatic non-smoker can be a bit unsettling, but Rutherford South, with its 25 ft. ceiling, is not

a broom closet where everyone dies of asphyxiation at the striking of the match; smoke tends to dissipate rather quickly. Most of my fellow non-smokers are not that selfish that we deny the addicts their periodic nicotine injection, for we all have our idiosyncracies and habits that others considerably put up with.

The "twit" in Ms. Donnelly's article is probably not one of her fellow freshmen, and remembers that only a short time ago smoking was permitted in the study hall, and there



IT'S JUST A FUN THING, DON'T YOU KNOW!!

The hunt for Bert Hohof's replacement is over. The *Sun* has learned that Prince Peter desires a moderate man for the job. Someone with a social conscience who is respected by the press. It seems nobody in Alberta met these requirements, so the Tories went to our sister province to the west and made a trade for Bill Vander Zalm. It isn't as bad as it seems. Alberta gave up Horst Schmidt and the draft rights to Jay Spark. By the way, Cheryl Hume's pet fly is in hiding.

WHAT'S THE NUS FUSS?

Our friends from NUS aren't taking defeat lying down. They figure if the U of A won't join NUS, then NUS will join the U of A. U of A field worker Stacey Kushlick is presently visiting NUS campuses providing unbiased information on the U of A. Ontario NUSies are very concerned that the U of A is western dominated. Kushlick describes the statement as "patently absurd" and points out that everyone who joins U of A and pays his or her fee gets one vote. Mr. (or Ms, take your pick) Kushlick has pushed the services of U of A's affiliate, the Alberta government.

Kushlick points to such things as PWA, Alberta Energy and Syncrude, not to mention roads, parks and utilities. Lethbridge NUSies seem sold on this argument. However, the anti-U of A committee has pointed out that U of A is overly right-wing and in the midst of reorganizing its structure. They point to page 466 of the GFC handbook which advocates boycotting Red Chinese products and is against abortion and cottage cheese. The pro-U of A group call these tactics "blue-baiting." Posters on both sides tell the story. The anti-U of A poster reads "U of A is not OK" and the pro-U of A posters proclaim "U of A, Vote YES - a nice idea." If you think you can predict the final outcome send \$2 to *Gateway*. If you guessed 42%, sorry, Alan Fenna has that taken.

A RATHER LARGE BILL

City council's three year salute to P.T. Barnum continues. Recently they went on a "retreat" to Jasper. The main opponent to the plan, Alderman Chmiliar, contended that the seminar was a waste of money. Well, Mayor Cec Purves changed Battle Bill's opinion by convincing him that city council was actually going "on Manoeuvre".

Despite Chmiliar's faults, he has never shirked his duty when a call to arms is sounded. City council was impressed. Percy Wickman was speechless when Battle Bill had Percy's wheelchair armor plated, with a revolving turret. Battle Bill won Alderman Leger over by promoting him to corporal and pointing toward the Polish frontier. Field Marshall Purves (who is also company chaplain) said the battle over revenue sharing won't be won until the city has an air force equal to Peter Lougheed's PWA. On the civic boundary issue Purves was emphatic in demanding more "living space". Asked about how much progress was made, Chmiliar reported that they had secured Lake Annette and were preparing to march on Marmot Basin. How much of Jasper National Park will the aldermen occupy? According to Alan Fenna, about 42%.

A QUICK U-TURN

Noted CITV Libertarian Brian Tracy has made a rather quick change of opinion on the ten o'clock curfew by-law. According to Tracy, any self-respecting juvenile should be off the streets and inside, preferably watching CITV's *Ten O'clock News*. The kids have not only pointed out that such would violate the Geneva Convention, but have also threatened to have Tracy's subscription to Captain Marvel comics cancelled.

the existing regulations. A policy statement would be greatly appreciated, however, I personally regard the second alternative as being the only one equitable for all.

The Campus Crusader
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P.S. Could you also find it within the budget to fix the clock? Seven minutes after ten gets rather boring after a few weeks.