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Sex Among Retarded Adults A Matter of Course In Denmark

Sex among retarded adults may be frowned upon in Quebec, but in Denmark it's all a matter of course.

That's just one discovery made by 15 nursing students from Concordia University who went to Denmark for three weeks to compare Danish health care with their own.

Nursing student Terry Read discovered that retarded adults can even marry if they wish.

"Usually the girl has the loop or coil inserted since the pill taken daily is often too difficult for her to remember," Read said in her paper on the trip.

"In Quebec, I'm told, retarded people are not allowed to live together," she said in her paper, one of several recently released by Concordia's Health Education Department.

Read found Danish attitudes markedly different from Quebec's, when she visited a Home for Retarded Adults.

"Adult male and female patients are allowed to live together. The IQ of these people was over 60, because lower than that, they would not have any interest in sex," she said.

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Language Labs Ready To Run

Loyola's brand new language labs, complete with 72 positions — meaning booths — are now fully operational.

The modern, up-to-date lab facilities are available to all students enrolled in language courses, and to all faculty and staff of Loyola as well, free of charge.

"Not many people seem to be aware of this fact," said Jim Gore, supervisor of the language labs at Loyola. "Here we have free monitors available for private studies, and very few people are taking advantage of it."

The language monitors are mainly full-time, qualified students who monitor in their free time. Modern, impressive Teacher Consoles in the center of the lab enable the monitors to tune in on individuals or on entire classes to help and explain.

The 72 positions are divided into three groups: 30 positions for larger classes, 24 positions for smaller classes, and 18 positions for library studies with French monitors.

The most 'popular' language is obviously French, and the free private monitors are available only for French. Spanish is the most popular of the modern languages which include Italian, German and Russian.

"The new positions which are equipped with cassette machines are very easy to operate and easy to monitor, compared to the antiquated reel-to-reel tape recorders that we used previously on the old 42-position set-up," Jim Gore pointed out. "The old equipment was 14 years old. It was so hard to get parts for, and it didn't have the flexibility of the new cassettes."

If you want to take advantage of the 'free-time' monitoring in French, please phone Jim Gore's office at (482-0320) ext. 210 for the hours available. Language lab hours are from 9 - 5 during the day, and from 6 - 10 in the evenings.



Commerce, Engineers Team Up For Week Of Fun

Commerce and Engineering Week starts on Monday, with seminars, fun and frolics lined up for one and all.

Monday John Ciaccia, Liberal MNA, comes to talk about "The Future of Students in Quebec Society". Later in the week, on Thursday, a three-part seminar on The Work Environment will be held. The president of the Order of Engineers of Quebec, D. Zaikoff, will discuss "Responsibility of Engineers for Work Safety" at 3 p.m.; "Hazardous Working Conditions" will be the topic of Professor Fred Knelman (Concordia Science & Human Affairs) at 3:45; and Susan Handman, professor at U de M's Centre de Readaptation, discusses "Dangers of Noise Pollution" at 4:45.

On the lighter side, sundry amusements are planned: a pong tournament, with Commerce pitting its talents against the engineers for prizes, and for those who like ping with their pong, another tournament; floor hockey, profs vs. students; a foot rally with free beer for competing teams of four; two showings of the movie "Romeo and Juliet" (Commerce students apparently lost their bid for The Merchant of Venice); a ski day on Friday the 23rd, and a banquet at the Constellation on Saturday.

See Events for more details; some weren't available, so watch for signs.

Biology Seminars

The Sir George Department of Biological Sciences announces a Seminar Series for the winter term, starting January 21. All seminars will take place Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Hall Building, room H-1257. Coffee is served beforehand.

To open the series, Dr. R. Ibrahim (of the department) speaks on Recent Developments in the Enzymology of Plant Phenolic Compounds. The following week (Jan. 28) the department's Dr. S. Ruby will talk about Effects of pH on Development of Flag Fish.

On February 4, Dr. P. Widden of the Loyola Biology Department speaks on The Ecology of Fungi in Arctic Soils; on Feb. 11, Dr. J. McLaughlin (Loyola Biol.) gives a seminar on Biology of Cyclocoelum Mutabilis (Termetoda) of the American Coat. The speaker on Feb. 18 will be Dr. C.T. Phan from the U. de M. on Effect of Ethylene on Phenolic Content of Carrot Root. And Insect Chemosensory Receptors will be the topic of Dr. S. Albert (Loyola Biology) on Feb. 25.

In March, Dr. M. Giles (SGW) speaks on Some Aspects of Biochemistry and Physiology of Fish Blood on the 3rd; Dr. J. Kalff from McGill will talk about Algal Ecophysiology on the 10th; and Biology N-490 project seminars will be held March 17 - 31, with further details given later.