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Pressure Related To Sex

San Francisco (ENS-CUP)

A meteorologist here reported last week that he's found a correlation between the rate of human sexual activity and the weather.

Gordon Barnes says a two-year study of sexual behavior conducted at a northeastern university revealed the surprising fact that December and January are the sexiest months of the year--based on the rate of sexual activity. The researchers concluded that the explanation probably had something to do with long, cold winter nights.

But there's another explanation says Barnes. He found that whenever the rate of sexual activity went up, the barometer went down. In other words, barometric readings of 29.90 or below seemed to correspond with reports of increased bedroom activity.

Barnes says the explanation may lie in the fact that low barometer readings indicate storm centres, with reduced atmospheric pressure. High readings, on the other hand, indicate dense air that could tighten the muscles and result in tension or anxiety.

Unemployment Increases 95% For Canadian Students

Ottawa (CUP) Over 17 thousand Canadian students between the ages of 20 and 24 were still unemployed in July of this year, compared to 8 thousand a year ago, according to the latest Labour Survey released by Statistics Canada.

In July of 1974, the unemployment rate for persons in this age bracket intending to return to school was 4.2 per cent. The comparable 1975 survey shows 8.1 per cent, an increase of 95 per cent.

The July figures show an improvement over the situation in the month of June. During that month 24 thousand students were unemployed giving an unemployment rate of 12.6 per cent, up 66 per cent from June of 1974.

But although the rate fell for July, as expected, the continued high rate of unemployment indicates that the job market for those returning to school did not firm up in the latter months of the summer as in past years.

As well, it is unclear just how accurate a picture is given by the unemployment statistics. In the labour force survey all persons who at all during the survey

week are considered as employed even through the duration of the job may be less than a couple of hours.

According to Canada Manpower officials interviewed during the summer, not only were jobs harder to find this past summer, but they were generally lower paying and for shorter periods of time.

Which means that the 8,000 students officially listed as unemployed may just be the "tip of the iceberg". The number of students who were unable to save enough money from summer employment to make ends meet during the academic year must be much larger than the official number.

Profit 76: US DEFENSE CONTRACTORS CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL

Washington (ENS-CUP) Senator William Proxmire charged that the Department of Defense is pushing forward with a plan called "Profit 76" which he says constitutes a "massive give-away" of tax dollars to defense contractors.

The Wisconsin Senator released copies of a defense department memo outlining the "Profit 76" objectives. Primarily those objectives are to vastly reduce government control and regulation of Pentagon-contracted business, and to increase the profitability of the weapons industries.

The plan calls for reducing government audits of companies doing business with

the Pentagon, diluting government regulation, and relieving contractors of meeting many current accounting standards.

Proxmire termed the Pentagon plan the "biggest rip-off that the taxpayers have ever suffered." He said that the Pentagon objectives "amount to working to give the contractors more money, to give it to them faster, and to remove or emasculate the few standards that regulate how this money is spent."

Proxmire said that defense contracts are already "immensely lucrative," and that "Profit 76 plans would constitute wholly unjustified profiteering".