

Straight talk on sex for teens

By KATE GILDERDALE
No punches were pulled while dealing with the pitfalls of premarital sex on Sunday when Beverly Hadland confronted young church members at a meeting. Speaking before teenagers at a

Gormley Missionary Church Youth Evening, Ms. Hadland caught the audience's attention from the start, mixing humor, empathy and realism in her presentation. "Teenagers are very special to me," said Ms. Hadland, who has

travelled extensively in Canada and the U.S., talking to high school students about premarital sex. "It was a young teenage girl who showed Jesus to me when I was the boss in a fast food restaurant."

Until then, she was a radical, leather-clad feminist whose favorite form of transportation was her motorcycle, and who shunned close relationships.

"I was looking for someone to say 'You're special, I love you, but I got more lost and angry looking for love in the arms of men,'" she said.

She learned the hard way that casual sex was no substitute for a lasting relationship.

"You have to understand who created sex," she insisted. "God isn't trying to rip you off and stop you having a good time, he's trying to protect you. If you choose to be sexually active before marriage, you'll reap the consequences."

Ms. Hadland had the audience laughing when she told them her presentation to high school students was called 'Hang on to your Hormones.'

"Parents, you don't understand the pressure teenagers are going through," she argued. "They're bombarded with images promoting sex."

She warned that young women and men have very different attitudes: "Girls use sex to get

love, men play at love to get sex."

When she was 17, she was told to be responsible and use birth control. Being responsible is waiting until you get married to have sex, said Ms. Hadland.

"Are you willing to recognize that sex equals babies?" she asked.

She recalled talking to a group of students and asking them how they would rate birth control that was 90 per cent effective.

"They all thought that was good, but look at the same thing another way," she said. "Would you get into your school bus if it said 'this bus crashes 10 per cent of the time'? But it's the 90 per cent that sells the product."

"They (birth control manufacturers) are not concerned about your welfare and your happiness, they're concerned about the dollar," she said, citing the example of Intra-uterine Devices (IUDs). "They knew the IUD was (harmful to) women before they took it off the market. If you're too young to be a parent, you're too young to go all the way."

At age 18, finding herself pregnant with a boyfriend who was unwilling to support her, Ms. Hadland went to her doctor.

"He said 'no problem, get an abortion,'" she said. And along with emotional pain, she said there are physical risks.

"One in five girls who have abortions can't have children later on," she noted.

"Sex is a gift you can give to your husband or wife," said Ms. Hadland. "Do you want to give something you've given to everyone else? It isn't special anymore."

Before the sexual revolution, there were five sexually transmitted diseases, she pointed out. "Now we have 27. Aids is a killer. God created us to have one sexual partner. If we have more, our immune system starts to break down."

The girl who changed Ms. Hadland's attitude "turned me around so that I'm a Christian today. I had broken every commandment in the Bible; I didn't think anybody cared about me," she said.

Her young friend's caring and understanding helped her come to terms with life and to realize what she'd been missing.

Ms. Hadland has abandoned her lucrative business interests to devote more time to public speaking and in addition to touring, she has presented her message on television and video.

This year, she will address between 50,000 and 70,000 young people across North America.

High News

Speaker at school

By ANDREA GRUNDY
SDSS Columnist

On Oct. 26
Our gymnasium was full.
The students listened intently.
To a speaker who's nobody's fool.
Doug Kooy is his name,
His message is quite clear.
At first it's depressing,
But later could bring cheer.
He spoke of images and choices,
Things that we can't avoid.
He gave a specific answer,
And some students were annoyed.
The issues that he covered,
Were rock, sex and drugs.
He made us think that's not the way,
It's better to have love.
His stories were true happenings,
Things that are very sad.
We could hear the sorrow in his voice,
And sense the grief he had.
He told us of his past way of life,
And the way that drugs destroyed.
He was feeling the confusion so much,
That with his mind he toyed.
Doug Kooy's life was one of pain,
And a lot of sorrow,
But that is now all in the past,
And he sees and eternal tomorrow.
In the midst of his talk,
He mentioned suicide,
He told us not to give up,
To carry a sense of pride.
Throughout the assembly,
He had the attention of all,
Doug did not preach at us,
He gave us the choice to stand straight or fall.
The end of the meeting was near,
Mr. Kooy wasn't near the end,
He shortened his talk for the sake of us,
And an open ear he did lend.
Mr. Bright went up and thanked him,
And we gave him the Spartan cheer.
Almost everyone liked him,
And enjoyed having him here.
At the end of the meeting,
He mentioned a close friend
whom he trusts,
"Who is the friend?" you may ask.
The name revealed was Jesus.

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Pursuant to the Nursing Homes Act, notice is hereby given of the intent of Green Gables Manor Inc. to surrender its nursing home licence and Gerald Harquail to apply for a new nursing home licence respecting Green Gables Manor Nursing Home Stouffville.

Oral and written submissions concerning the proposed purchase of the nursing home may be presented at a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday, December 7, 1988 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Church (Davis Room), 34 Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario.

Submissions may also be sent to The Director, Nursing Homes Branch, Ontario Ministry of Health, 15 Overlea Blvd., 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4H 1A9, (416) 963-1038 by December 7, 1988. Please mark the name of the nursing home and the project number on submissions.

The Director will consider all submissions prior to approving the proposed purchase.

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