

Keeping the Stork Away

With files and inspiration from The Ubysey

THE PILL

How it works: It contains hormones which fool a woman's body into believing it is pregnant which causes ovulation to stop.

Pros: It keeps the mood alive and is pretty easy to use.

Cons: Forget to take your pills and you are dead in the water. There are a whack of possible side effects.

Cost: \$20 - 25 per month. A good reason for a health plan.
 Effectiveness in theory: 99%
 Effectiveness in practise: 96%
 STD protection: Zip. Nil. Nada.

THE CONDOM

How it works: It acts as a barrier to prevent sperm from entering the vagina.

Pros: They come in a startling array of colours and flavours.

Cons: Some say it kills the mood. Those people are weenies. You need to read the instructions. I repeat, use it properly!

Cost: A buck at the Barn or see chart in this issue.

Effectiveness in theory: 98%
 Effectiveness in practise: 88%

STD protection: If you have sex, a latex condom is the best way to protect yourself.

THE DIAPHRAGM

How it works: It forms a barrier that keeps sperm from reaching the uterus. It is used in conjunction with spermicidal jelly.

Pros: It will fit most women and there is no waiting after insertion.

Cons: Cannot be inserted more than fifteen minutes before intercourse and it must be fitted by a doctor. Some women experience discomfort and it may shift out of place in certain positions.

Cost: Around \$30.
 Effectiveness in theory: 99%
 Effectiveness in practise: 82%
 STD protection: Low unless used with a condom.

CREAMS, JELLIES, FOAMS

How it works: The spermicidal substance is inserted into vagina just prior to intercourse.

Pros: Available over the counter and requires no waiting time.

Cons: Can be a little messy.
 Cost: \$16 for forty applications.
 Effectiveness in theory: 99%
 Effectiveness in practise: 79%
 STD protection: Somewhat.

IUD (INTRAUTERINE DEVICE)

How it works: It is believed to work by causing a chronic low-

grade inflammation in the uterus. This creates a hostile environment for a fertilized egg.

Pros: There is no time element. Once it is inserted you can have sex whenever you want.

Cons: There can be serious side effects such as pelvic inflammatory disease. Cramps, irregular bleeding and perforation of the uterine wall are some of the other fun things that could happen.

Cost: \$40 - \$60
 Effectiveness in theory: 99%
 Effectiveness in practise: 96%
 STD protection: Nil. Zip. Nada.

THE WITHDRAWAL METHOD

How it works: The penis is withdrawn from the vagina prior to ejaculation.

Pros: No late night drug store runs.

Cons: Having children.
 Cost: Free
 Effectiveness in theory: 96%
 Effectiveness in practise: Too damn low.
 STD protection: None.

ABSTINENCE

How it works: Keeping sperm away from the vagina all together.

Pros: It lets you use your imagination.
 Cons: You are not having

intercourse.

Cost: Free.
 Effectiveness in theory: 100%
 Effectiveness in practise: Nearly 100%
 STD protection: Very good if you limit other types of sexual practises.

UNPROTECTED SEX

How it works: If you don't know then I am not telling you.

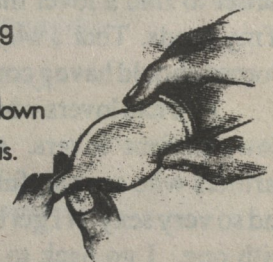
Pros: It is natural and spontaneous.
 Cons: Children. Diseases. Death.

Cost: A pregnancy test costs \$12. By the time your child hits 18 and you pay your medical bills, \$150,000 should cover it.

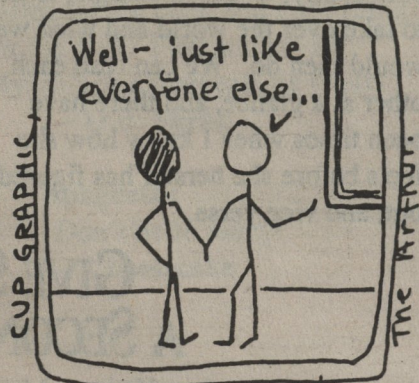
Effectiveness in theory: 15%
 Effectiveness in practise: 15%
 STD protection: Ha, ha, ha.
 Please don't make me laugh.

1. Squeeze air out of the tip of the condom.
2. Hold the tip while unrolling the condom all the way down the hard penis.

HOW TO PUT ON A CONDOM



3. Hold onto the rim of the condom while pulling out after sex.



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THE ARTIST

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