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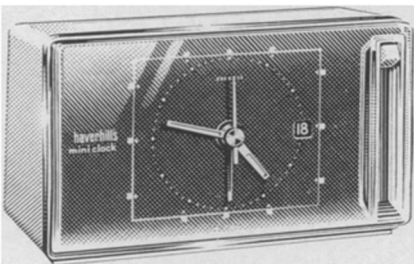


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to the editor

Decaying morality

At the same time that I was reading the report of Drs. Wagner and Pion, suggesting we provide adolescents with contraceptives (SN: 11/1, p. 400) there were no doubt many reading the same article in high school and grade school libraries all over this country. It requires only common sense to see that this article not only contains contradictions in logic but also does considerable damage to an already decaying morality.

In asserting that the adolescent will be more able to resist the temptation of sexual promiscuity if given access to contraceptives, Drs. Wagner and Pion have leaped to the astounding and unique conclusion that an adolescent's resistance to temptation is directly proportional to the strength and appeal of the temptation.

Perhaps they would suggest we should also round up a few girls for our sons when we give them their monthly contraceptive allowance. Another more subtle fallacy is the incredible conclusion that we can teach our young people to be more responsible by putting into their hands contraceptives which are the antithesis of responsibility.

Finally, not to be outdone by these little gifts to the American family, they recommend that physicians should further undermine the parents' waning authority by giving the irresponsible adolescents contraceptives without their parents' consent.

Surely this report doesn't fit under the heading, "Sociology." The heading "Suicide" directly above it, and the title of the report, "Death by Newspaper," is much more appropriate and prophetic.

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