

# SEX TALK!

Local teens and their parents too are tuning into AM 640 five nights at week at 11 p.m. when Shelley Klinck takes to the airwaves with her no-holds-barred talk show, Sex, Lives and Audio Tape.

## 'I can really respect kids who speak out'

by SHANNON PICKEN

**I**t's 11 o'clock! Do you know where your children are?

Judging by teenage response, many are listening to AM 640's *Sex, Lives and Audio Tape*. Whether it's at home or driving a car, teenagers are tuning in and asking for advice from the show's host and co-producer Shelley Klinck and her guests.

*Sex, Lives and Audio Tape* is hot! Not only are Toronto and area teenagers tuned in, but parents as well are taking to the hour-long phone-in show that discusses topics relevant to teens and society. Anything and everything, from condoms to life's most embarrassing experiences, are explored by Klinck and her listeners.

According to several Oakville's teenagers interviewed, AM 640's number one teen talk show is a great way for teenagers and parents to find out what is going on in the lives of those entering the adult world, to discuss their fears and to get advice on relationships. Listeners get the facts about sex.

Amanda Tubman, a Grade 12 student at Blakelock high school, believes that Klinck's show is a valuable asset for the adolescent. *Sex, Lives and Audio Tape* is a real show, she says; it has kids calling in with real problems and the topics that are discussed are things



that can really happen.

"Shelley's advice is good for teenagers because she does not judge," said Tubman. "She tries her best to help them out."

St. Ignatius of Loyola student Catrina Robey agreed: "I think the show is wonderful for everyone, not only for teenagers. It gives the listeners an unbiased opinion of our problems, morals and experiences."

Robey added, "Many of my friends listen to the show and we can really relate to the caller's stories - it's a great means of voicing your opinions."

### Apprenticeship

Klinck, in her "mid-20s", has been hosting *Sex, Lives and Audio Tape* since August of 1992 after an appropriate apprenticeship. She earned a degree in Social Development Studies from the University of Waterloo and studied radio and television arts at Ryerson as well. Klinck began her career as a co-producer for a teen television show called *They Asked Us*. The show is still airing today on Vision TV (Wednesday's at 9:30 p.m.) and features teens discussing issues pertaining to sex, life experiences and social issues. Klinck's involvement with the talk show led to an advice column in the national teen magazine, *What! A MAGAZINE*.

After discussions with former AM 640 disc jockey Randy Taylor, Klinck put together a proposal and presented it to the station. "I really didn't have any experience in talk radio, I just went right into it. That's really the way things work for me - sink or swim, all or nothing," Klinck laughed, adding, "I like to work with people, not just one-on-one but in a broader venue and I thought I could do what I do but do it through the media. I was tired of being like a little mouse in the corner having a dream and not doing anything about it." Klinck's dream did come true, with number one ratings and a switchboard that lights up like fireworks at Ontario Place.

Being on the air for the first time was a nerve-wracking experience for Klinck. "My first day on the

### 'Lisa are you there?'

Here's a call from a show last week. "Lisa" is an assumed name.

**Shelley:** Let's see what Lisa's up to. Lisa are you there?

**Lisa:** Okay, well a couple of months ago my boyfriend and I were having sex for the first time in this forest behind our homes and we tossed our clothes off into the forest and when we were finished we couldn't find them so we ended up going back to my boyfriend's house because we thought his parents weren't home but when we knocked on the door his parents opened it and we had no clothes on!

**Shelley:** (Laughs) Where were the clothes?

**Lisa:** We couldn't find them. We went back the next day and they were stuck on a tree.

**Shelley:** Holy cow! This must have been a fantastic experience. You were totally disoriented in another world. I cannot imagine the looks on your parents' faces?

**Lisa:** They were totally freaked out.

**Shelley:** I guess they didn't take it very well.

**Lisa:** No.

**Shelley:** Did you have the big talk about the birds and the bees at that point?

**Lisa:** Oh yeah.

**Shelley:** Were you still allowed to see this guy?

**Lisa:** No, my parents said I couldn't talk to him any more. And that was the end of it.

**Shelley:** You have a lot of guts. Did you laugh at the time or were you like "Oh my God, I can't believe this"?

**Lisa:** Yeah, 'cause when we finished we didn't know what to do so we laughed all the way home.

**Shelley:** That's amazing and here I thought I