**Special Convention Seminar**

AWCI To Give Special Program—Restricted to 50 Couples—at Convention in Montreal on “Intimacy and Sex”

In North America today, the family is still viewed as an enduring, essential, yet flexible social institution. Nevertheless, over the past half century, Canadians and Americans have made incredible changes in mobility and lifestyle.

AWCI has arranged to bring Dr. Domeena C. Renshaw, a psychiatrist at Chicago’s Loyola University, to Montreal next April to address a limited seminar on INTIMACY AND SEX.

The seminar will be limited to 50 couples — no single attendees will be admitted—and an extra registration fee of $45 per couple will be charged to those who wish to attend and participate in this special session. This seminar will be conducted two days, beginning on Tuesday the 19th and continuing Wednesday morning the 20th for a total of better than 6 hours.

Dr. Renshaw is with the Department of Psychiatry at the Loyola

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**A “DIFFERENT” CONVENTION PROMISED IN MONTREAL**

Speakers will range from Russian defector to industry subjects to “intimacy and sex”

The whole person will be considered by the AWCI’s Education Committee in programs planned for the upcoming 66th Annual Convention in Montreal in April.

As indicated on a full page broadside elsewhere in this issue of CONSTRUCTION DIMENSIONS, the keynote speaker at Tuesday’s opening session (April 19th) will be the top-ranking defector ever to come over to the West from the Soviet Union, Ambassador Arkady Shevchenko.

In addition, subjects not related directly to the business of the wall and ceiling industry will also be featured.

In between these two extremes, industry subjects will be set out in seminars, workshops, and forums, and will include (but not be limited to) such topics as:

- Computerized estimating
- The BIA-ML/SFA Clemson Test Results
- Taking the Mystery out of Buying a Business Computer
- Creative Financing
- Quality Circles in Construction
- How to Compensate Good People
- Business Fundamentals for Residential Contractors

All of these will be topped off with a forum on Diet and Behavior as well as a simultaneous forum on the Energy Crisis and its effect on the wall and ceiling contractor.

The February edition of Construction Dimensions will give readers a complete program of the April convention in Montreal. In the meantime, readers are urged to sign up early, using the registration form which is part of this issue.
Stritch School of Medicine and conducts one of the most famous sex dysfunction clinics in North America at Loyola.

She points out that the importance of sex in marriage cannot be underestimated. Her seminar is a no-holds-barred, frank and open discussion on sexual relations. Almost one in two marriages in America today ends not broken up by death, but by divorce—a broken home, a fragmented family, not to count the homes broken by "emotional divorce" within the facade of marriage.

In addition to being aimed at helping the faltering marriage, her seminars are also aimed at improving good marriage relations. Dr. Renshaw says that love and sex are not synonymous and that both must be perceived separately yet in an integrated way to achieve equilibrium in marriage, and thus, in the family itself. "Sex is sex; with or without love. It may occur between persons who love each other deeply or between those who do not even know each other's names. Sex may be a misguided search for 'love' and closeness," according to Dr. Renshaw.

Dr. Renshaw prefers a couple-oriented audience. Her seminar does not mince words and those who sign up for the two-day meeting during the convention will be admonished to stay away if they are embarrassed by openness, specific words and terms, and explicit diagrams, photographs, etc.

She is not a speaker who is there for "shock value". As a practicing psychiatrist and medical doctor at a reknowned Catholic school, Dr. Renshaw will be in Montreal as a professional in her field.

“Our biggest concern,” says Education Committee Chairman Joe Feldner, “is the restriction of 50 couples who will be allowed to attend. We will simply have to make this session a first-come, fast-served affair when we send out our announcement and special registration form.

“Only those pre-registered for the convention will be eligible to sign up for Dr. Renshaw’s seminar,” Feldner concluded, telling Construction Dimensions that this will probably be oversubscribed the minute the official announcement hits our members’ desks.”