

York's public-school children under the guise of AIDS education is one of the most sinister forces at work in the city today.

In a column Feb. 16, I outlined the latest contemptible effort in this field, a conference convened by the Gay Men's Health Crisis to brainwash young people in sexual perversion while excluding parents

from participation.

Jeff Richardson, the GMHC's executive director, wrote a letter to the editor of The Post, claiming the column stooped "to a new low in tabloid journalism."

Richardson said the conference was sponsored by 19 organizations, including Chemical Bank, the Manhattan borough president's office and NYU Medical Center, that its purpose was AIDS prevention and education, and it was addressed by President Clinton's AIDS-policy coordinator, Kristine Gebble.

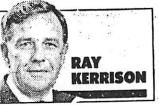
dressed by President Clinton's AIDS-policy coordinator, Kristine Gebble. My problem is that I did not stoop low enough low enough, that is, to reveal in my February column the polsonous, perverted literature Richardson's crew handed out to kids at his conference.

So I will do it now, at the risk of offending some sensibilities. There is no polite way to expose the sleaze these people are dumping on innocent victims.

The conference distributed one leaflet titled "Listen Up." It informed males that if they "do men," they can engage in anal intercourse "safely" as long as they use a condom.

Another leaflet, addressed to females, was entitled "Safer Sex Handbook for Lesbians." It featured a photograph of a naked woman with her legs opened to an approaching clenched fist. It carried this caption: "For safe penetration, use a slippery, lubed-up glove to enable ... a whole fist to safely rock her into a frenzy."

That Chemical Bank, Manhattan Borough Presi-



dent Ruth Messinger's office or NYU Medical Center should be associated in any way with a conference dispensing such materials is dismaying.

But equally unforgivable is the deadly misinformation disseminated. Advising young men that sodomy with a condom is safe is simply not true. As former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop warned, anal intercourse in the age of AIDS "is simply too dangerous, even with a condom." Here, then, is proof of the true motive behind the GMHC conference. It was not to alert kids to the hideous risks of promiscuous behavior, but to encourage them to engage in perilous, abnormal sexual conduct.

Similarly, the practice of "fisting" is not only luridly sadomasochistic, it is also physically dangerous, often causing internal injuries so severe that major corrective surgery is required.

The conference not only handed out these leaflets, but conducted "workshops" in their message.

No one is more outraged than lawyer Jack Hartigan, who monitors New York's education system. Last week he wrote to Carol Gresser, president of the Board of Education, protesting the GMHC conference. "The two GMHC leaflets handed out at the conference are not only pornographic, they're

## Mixing porn with suicidal sex advice

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criminally deceitful," he wrote.

He also objected to publicschool facilities being used to promote the conference. "The question now is where the board stands," Hartigan wrote Gresser. "Are you going to take the vigorous action that is clearly necessary to protect the city's public-school students against GMHC's shockingly dangerous sexological brainwashing?"

Hartigan wrote another letter to Norman Siegel at the Civil Liberties Union, charging that GMHC violated city and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination based on age when its registration forms limited attendance to persons between 12 and 24 — a ruse to keep parents out. "Public institutions

"Public institutions should not lift a finger or spend a nickel to support this sort of propaganda, not just because it is degrading and immoral but because it is devastatingly and medically harmful," Hartigan said vesterday.

Hartigan said yesterday. "It's the moral equivalent of telling kids they can put on a rubber glove and touch the third rail without harm. What they are saying is not safe. In the age of AIDS, it is suicidal.

"The Board of Education should cut all ties with the GMHC. Kick them out of the classroom, just as they would if they were drug pushers."

In the matter of stooping low, it would be hard to outdo GMHC using public facilities to encourage kids to engage in sodomy and sadomasochism. The political, bureaucratic and education establishment that allows them to do it is not much better.