

# Birth Curb Backer Gets 3-Month Term In Boston U. Case

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BOSTON, May 19—William R. Baird of Valley Stream, L.I., was sentenced today in Suffolk Superior Court to three months in jail for giving a birth control device to a Boston University coed.

Judge Donald M. Macauley stayed the sentence pending Mr. Baird's appeal to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. The maximum penalty for the offense is five years in prison.

Mr. Baird, 36 years old, was convicted on April 6, 1967, of giving a package of contraceptive foam to a coed during a lecture at Boston University. He was also convicted of exhibiting birth control devices at the same lecture.

Last May 1 the State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that anyone may legally lecture on birth control and exhibit birth control devices. In a 4-to-3 decision, however, the court upheld Massachusetts' 19-year-old law prohibiting distribution of contraceptives to unmarried persons.

A group of 30 persons, most of them women, demonstrated peacefully today outside the courthouse in support of Mr. Baird's campaign against the state's birth control laws.

Before the sentencing both Judge Macauley and Joseph Balliro, counsel for Mr. Baird, mentioned that they had received more mail on this case than on any other. They said the letters had come from throughout the world and that most had urged leniency for the defendant.

Mr. Baird, visibly upset by the jail sentence, said later outside the courthouse that he would continue his efforts in Massachusetts "to educate the public on birth control."

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