

cal music." Mr. Hett may understand jazz, but if he believes that the Police are the equal, even "on their own terms," of Mozart, or of Crumb (an American composer who is still alive and writing), he clearly does not understand what separates art from entertainment. Does he also believe that Harold Robbins is as "good" an author as Shakespeare or Dickens?

Contrary to what Mr. Hett believes, it is not the function of a University to present a smorgasboard of experience without critical differentiation. It does not require any education to fully comprehend the meaning of a popular song. Mozart (and Crumb) requires more effort, and delivers greater rewards.

The most disturbing feature of Mr. Hett's letter is that he apparently believes that his own opinion, therefore his intellect and his experience, to be the equal of Dr. Fisher's. In this, Mr. Hett is egregiously wrong. When Mr. Hett has abandoned his own "narrow prejudices" and accepted the view that he may have something yet to learn, he will, perhaps, be less quick to viciously, and irrationally, attack those ideas which he does not understand.

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Prof on porn

This letter is in response to the one by C. Nelson-McDermott.

I would have thought my definition of the word 'pornography' was clear from the context; but since you wondered, it's the traditional one of high sexual explicitness. (And it's still the most common definition, except in feminist circles, where the meaning is very unclear — other than that it's something terrible.)

Moreover, for you to suggest I might have been defending portrayals of the rape of children is very strange (if not a damned insult), given my complaint about those who try to smear all male-oriented pornography using guilt by association with the violent variety. So let me try again, with an analogy: Suppose one person says parenthood is a good thing, and another replies "you mean parents who neglect and abuse their children aren't doing wrong?!" Defend-

ing parenthood or sexual explicitness in itself does not imply condoning the evil forms it sometimes takes.

You have several other odd misinterpretations of the "Declaration on Men's Rights", but space will permit mention of only one. I didn't say female sexuality is stunted, any more than that male sexuality is hypertrophied. But more interesting than your distortion of my words is the underlying reason. It looks very much as if you feel that "different" implies "inferior", and are projecting that attitude (in spite of my explicit denial) onto me.

If you really are interested in what I think about sex and pornography, wait a month or two for my monograph on the subject; it will be a modest attempt to remedy some of the mass of ignorance and superstitious fear that are so rampant these days.

Prof. F. Christensen

Food Bank congrats

The munificence of the University of Alberta staff and students was much in evidence during the pre-Christmas food drive by Edmonton's Food Bank: 1738.4 kg. or 3832.5 lbs were donated in addition to a \$500.00 cheque from the U of A Agriculture Club. From the hungry and vulnerable among us: THANK YOU!

The generosity of the people of Edmonton has been well documented; again, during December 1984 the donations of food doubled that for the same month the previous year, albeit, the demand for food is so much greater now. We are now in a position to be able to feed the hungry through regular feeding programs like the Salvation Army, Bissell Centre, WIN House, etc., as well as on a temporary emergency or crisis basis well into February. Unfortunately we have not yet seen the end of winter nor of unemployment.

Sincerely,
John C. Van Damme SCJ

SECOND WIND

by Peter Smyth

Beware. We are the ILP, the Insect Liberation Front. Our aim is to free all insects, regardless of scientific classification, from persecution at the hands of humans. Nothing will stand between us and our goal.

Anyone caught stepping on an ant, slapping a mosquito, swatting a fly, or cutting a worm in half will be gunned down on the spot—**No Questions Asked**. Those caught pulling the wings of a flying insect, interrupting a praying mantis from reflection, or spraying pesticide in the garden will be dealt with even more severely.

Houses or other buildings with insect destroying equipment (ie. fly paper) will be targets for arson; as will factories producing any materials preventing insects from living a normal free life.

Let it be emphasized we will stop at nothing until all insects are liberated. We shall not be deterred by the law even if they force us to watch reruns of Reagan's inauguration.

It seems everybody has a cause to protest for or against these days. Some are more radical than others and some break the law and harm, or even kill innocent people in the process.

One group that has grabbed headlines recently is the Animal Liberation Front (ALF).

To protect animals from cruelty and needless destruction is a good worthy cause. To check on slaughter houses to make sure animals are killed with minimum pain and as quickly as possible has a lot of merit. To actually stop animals being used as food is unrealistic, and to stop using animals for practical medical experiments appears ignorant. However, to slaughter animals for luxury items seems a waste.

Being a vegetarian isn't everyone's cup of tea, nor should it have to be. The animal is serving a very useful purpose by providing food for people all over the world (though many still are without this luxury).

If 200 monkeys, 10,000 rats, and one million fruit flies have to be sacrificed to find the cure for a fatal disease, are those animals and insects killed need-

lessly? Logical ordering or priorities would say no, putting human life first.

The baby baboon that gave Baby Fae extra life was hardly tortured. The baboon was a martyr to the cause, giving life for life.

Nevertheless, there are instances of blatant cruelty to animals such as the annual seal hunt. During this time baby seals were clubbed to death and skinned on site—sometimes alive. The carcasses were simply discarded where the skinning took place. People protested this and it drew attention all over North America and Europe. Some protesters even spoiled the skins of some of the seals, saving them from death. They received support from the public. This was great but things are getting out of hand.

The Animal Liberation Group in Britain has been poisoning chocolate bars and in Canada infectious animals were stolen out of a research laboratory. This group plans to continue to use such measures to attempt to stop what simply will not stop.

Does the ALF really believe people are more expendable than animals? Would these people lay down their own lives for the sake of a baboon?

It is hard to comprehend why these groups, and other organizations such as the feminists against pornography, have to resort to violence to prove their point.

A lot of energy is wasted by these groups. There are people all over the world being slaughtered or oppressed by governments and guerilla organizations. People are being tortured in South and Central America, live without freedoms in communist countries, or live with war and oppression in capitalist-influenced right wing countries. Blacks in South Africa live in worse conditions than most pets in Canada and aborted babies in some countries are used as medicine. So many injustices in the world and people find time to protest for the sake of animals.

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