

Exclusive rights is not love...

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...it's colonization.

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Abortion is a right for women, says Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

Morgentaler calls for Alberta clinic

by Jim Herbert

Dr. Henry Morgentaler stressed religious tolerance and women's rights in arguing for the availability of abortions in Canada at a Pro-Choice meeting Thursday night at the SUB Theatre.

Morgentaler believes that most anti-abortionists base their views on religious dogma and that they "want to impose their brand of morality on everyone else."

Morgentaler said that abortion is a matter of individual choice, and that "a person has a right to live his or her life according to his or her religion."

Morgentaler emphasized that abortion is a right for women in the first three months of pregnancy. Without access to safe abortions, thousands of women would die as a result of botched or self-induced abortions. "I'm protecting their (women's) life and health and dignity," he said. Morgentaler remarked that, "all these women did was go to bed. People go to bed for all kinds of reasons. They have a right to go to bed."

In response to a questioner who asked why he didn't stop performing abortions, Morgentaler stated that, "God told me to help women. God is all powerful and if He wanted to He would have stopped me. But I came to the conclusion that God was guiding my hands."

Morgentaler continued the verbal assault on anti-abortionists that he began at his press conference last Wednesday, accusing them of harbouring "a blind hatred of women, of sexuality, of everything that can be called progress."

He contrasted the "tremendous acceptance by the population of Quebec that abortion is a private matter" with the uproar from the Pro-Life movement in Alberta, saying, "I don't know what's happening in Edmonton and Calgary—are these people crazy?"

Morgentaler claims that Pro-Life groups have created a "catastrophic situation" because their constant public pressure has decreased the availability of abortions. Hospitals and doctors have in some cases stopped doing abortions because of this pressure, and politicians don't have the courage to defy the anti-abortion lobby, he said.

See Jim run (again)

by Gilbert Bouchard

Undergraduate Board of Governors representative, Jim Shinkaruk, has decided to run for a second term after being presented with a 100 name petition of support.

"I was pleasantly surprised that there was this committee of people who drafted me for a second term," said Shinkaruk.

The petition to urge Shinkaruk's second term was organized by Darren Snider and Todd Philips.

Snider, a fourth year business student, worked on Shinkaruk's

Morgentaler called on politicians to stop using the legal process against doctors who "provide good medical care to the people." He urged the Alberta government to send medical experts to Quebec to see the high quality service offered by the abortion clinics that he helped establish.

Judy Rebick of the Ontario Coalition of Abortion Clinics, also spoke at the meeting. She commented that "reproductive rights—our ability to control our own fertility—is fundamental to our fight for freedom."

She warned that the Pro-Life movement would not stop at eliminating the legal right to an abortion but would attempt to roll back the human rights and women's rights that "we have won over the last fifteen years."

by Brad Clark

A conference declaration, "condemning the notorious system of apartheid," was presented and endorsed by the 210 delegates at last weekend's South Africa conference. Conference delegates called for a boycott of South African goods.

The conference was put together not only to educate the public, but to develop "strategies for change" in South Africa.

With this in mind, workshops were held on Saturday on such topics as "Women Under apartheid" and "Canadian Complicity."

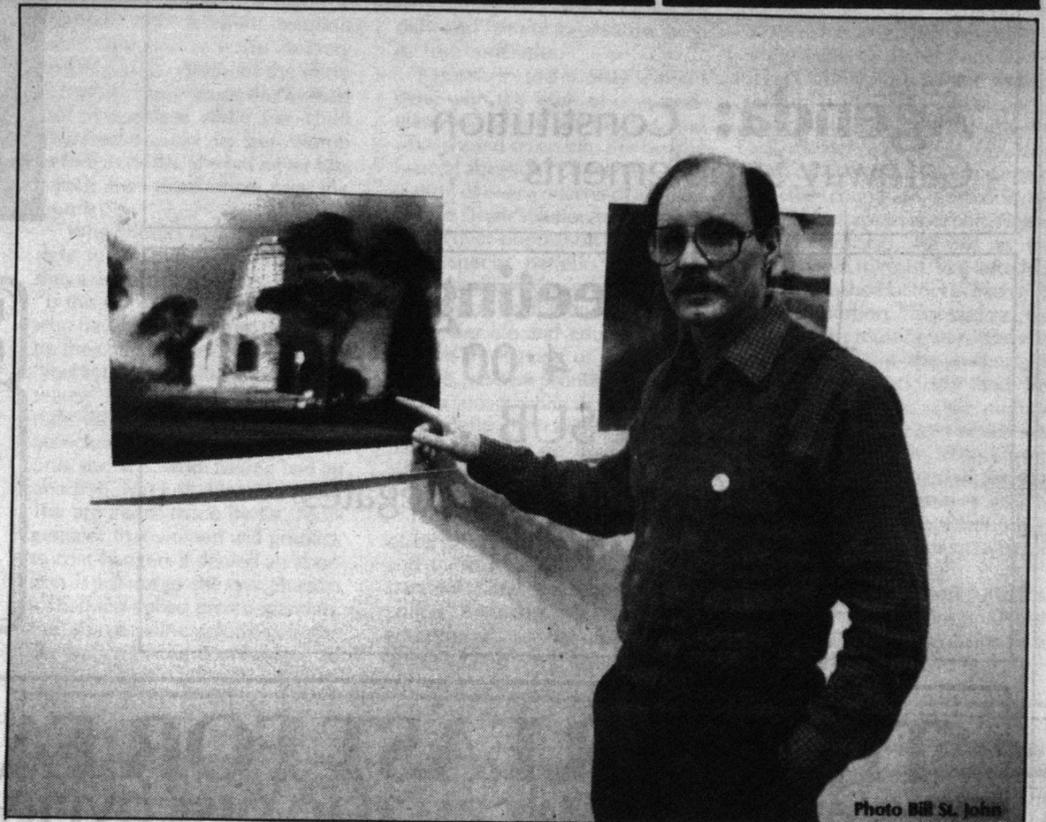
On Sunday, the conference declaration was presented to the delegates. The lengthy statement expressed abhorrence of the "all white minority regime of South Africa denies the majority of that community their basic rights...through violence and repression."

Written by an ad hoc committee of conference organizers, resource people and speakers, the declaration was regarded by some delegates as "insubstantive" and poorly worded, but it was, nevertheless, endorsed in principal by the delegates.

campaign last year and has known Shinkaruk since high school when, "Jim was my chemistry teacher."

Snider thinks Shinkaruk did "a tremendous job," but Shinkaruk "wanted to see what kind of support there was for a second term," before making a commitment for a second campaign.

Shinkaruk's only comment on having to run against current SU president Floyd Hodgins was, "Floyd's running against me for Board of Governors Representative."



Art Photographer Alex Neumann talks about his travel pictures in Thursday's issue of Gateway

South Africa sanctions endorsed

After the declaration issue was resolved, representatives of the various workshops presented their recommendations. These included:

- Strict economic sanctions including the boycott of South African products and cessation of investment and trade ties.
- Cessation of all scientific, cultural and sports contacts with South Africa.
- The Canadian government to abandon its "two-faced" policy of openly condemning apartheid while not supporting anti-apartheid

their legislation at the U.N. The Canadian government should also be petitioned to impose the sanction listed above.

- The African National Congress (ANC), and the South West African Peoples' Organization (SWAPO) should receive recognition and support from Canadians.
- Church groups affirm the statement "apartheid is Heresy."

The consensus of the organizers and the speakers was that the conference was a success. In adjourning the conference, Dave Werlin,

president of the AFL said, "this conference has largely met its objectives. We have excellent ideas on courses of action."

On behalf of the liberation movements Mamazane Xulu, of the ANC called the conference "an outstanding success" and added she was "inspired and encouraged" by the delegates support. She concluded, "The struggle continues; Victory is Certain."

Full conference coverage on pages 8 and 9

Militant men seek rights

by Bill Doskoch

In the past two weeks S.P.E.R.M. has managed to dominate the attention of student council and has provoked one angry letter to the Gateway.

Their full name is the Society for the Protection of Equal Rights for Men. They were formed last September and their president is education student Rainer Huebl. They claim to have 85 members, up to 20 of which are women.

"We're not as radical as people think," said executive vice-president, Rick Stedman. "We just think some feminists have gone too far."

The club's view on feminism and other topics are outlined in a two-page handout entitled a "Declaration on Men's Rights."

The pamphlet was authored, with input from the club, by Dr. Ferrel Christensen of the philosophy department.

- It addresses seven major issues:
- **Sex roles**
 - rigid sex roles do not make sense
 - "certain branches of feminism" wish to restrict women from choosing traditional marriages or jobs.
 - **Economic Equality**

• men have traditionally borne the unfair burden of being the sole wage earner.

• employer-paid maternity leave compensates a woman for her needs rather than her work and is therefore unjust.

• some pension plans are unfair to men because they have a shorter average life-span than women yet pay the same premiums and receive the same benefits.

• **Sexuality**

- There are biological differences between male and female sexual responses: men respond more



to visual stimulation.

people, "especially females," have been socialized "with feelings of shame and nudity and sex and hence one of denigrating male sexual feeling."

• it is a distortion that "violence against women is an essential part of male-oriented erotic media." (note: Dr. Christensen defines pornography as "the graphic depiction of sex.")

• pornography is no more intrinsically degrading to men than women's romance novels are to men.

• **Property division and support on divorce**

• men have been unfairly treated by the present application of laws.

• S.P.E.R.M. feels the underlying assumption that marriage is, among other things, an economic union. They feel this can be unjust.

• **Support and custody of children beyond marriage**

• The rights of the children supersede those of either parent.

- many courts are biased in favor of mothers.

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