

Magazines will stay

OTTAWA (CUP)—Readers of such magazines as Playboy, Playgirl and Penthouse will still be able to purchase these magazines at a store run by the Carleton University Students Association despite an attempt by some association members to have them removed.

A motion to ban the sexist magazines from the store was defeated at an Oct. 25 student council meeting. The council did agree to establish a study group to examine sexism on campus and make recommendations to council.

The motion to ban the magazines met strong opposition from some council members who said it constituted censorship.

"Nowhere in this motion does it say students cannot buy magazines off-campus," said Bill Mowatt, the council member who proposed the motion. "The motion says we should stop the sale of these magazines (in the store) because it promotes negative attitudes in society."

Arts representative Cate Cochran added: "It's not a question of censorship. It's a matter of what we choose to sell."

Arts representative Riel Miller said council should be more concerned with social issues such as sexism on campus, and the question of censorship was a "red herring."

"Fighting sexism is a social responsibility," Miller said. "Something working toward that goal is not limiting freedom but promoting freedom."

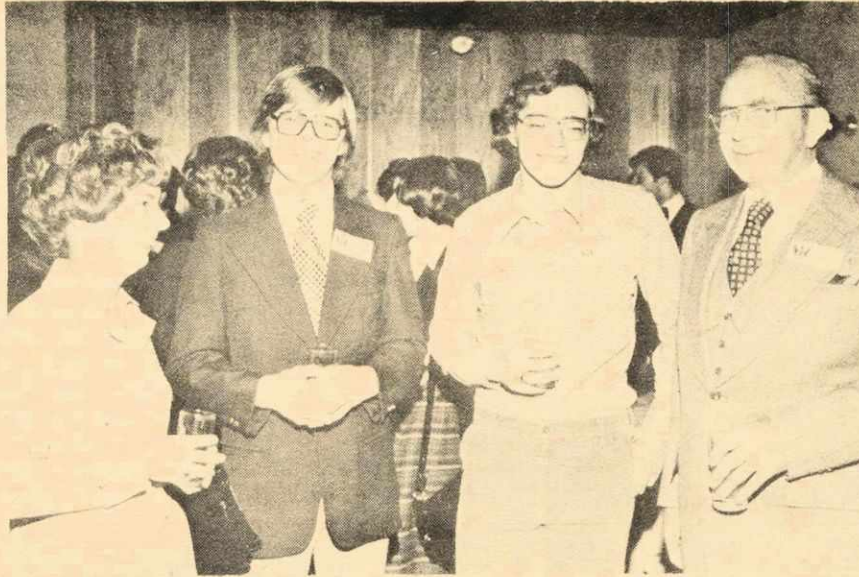
Council president Ben Lachance objected to the motion, claiming it was censorship. "Council should not be the moral judge for people on this campus," he said. "It's out of our jurisdiction."

Sexual discrimination

OTTAWA (CUP)—Gays of Ottawa has filed an intervention against the licence renewals of several Ottawa CBC radio stations, charging that the CBC is discriminating against the organization solely on the basis of sexual orientation.

In the intervention, the group, which is the co-ordinating office of the National Gay Rights Coalition, points out that the Ottawa CBC stations did accept and air public service announcements for the group until January.

However, since January, when the corporation announced it would no longer accept the announce-



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Your students fees in action: The Dalhousie Student council treated the Alumni to a banquet Tuesday night. In previous years, the Alumni Association has hosted council and this year council members decided it was their turn to pay the shot.

ments from gay groups because they represent "subject matter which is still considered controversial by our audience," the Ottawa stations have carried out the national policy and refused to air the announcements.

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission will review the stations' applications for renewals at hearings which begin Nov. 15. Gays of Ottawa is asking that the licences be denied until the CBC "gives a firm and public assurance that this discriminatory policy of refusing public service announcements from homosexual organizations will be immediately rescinded."

In the intervention, the group says the CBC's refusal to air public service announcements from gay groups is not directed against subjects or issues which gay organizations raise. "Rather it is an arbitrary refusal of any and all announcements that originate from groups of people whose sexual orientation is homosexual and thus, constitutes nothing more than discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

"Gays of Ottawa has no wish to use public service announcements as a forum for debate on the issues of gay liberation. We have never sought to do so. . . . Our announcements do not contain comment or opinion on any subject but merely give factual information about an event or a service which our organization offers."

In the intervention, the group includes results of a Gallup poll taken in June, which showed that 52 per cent of Canadians support human rights for gay people.

"Clearly, the CBC is wrong in estimating that the majority of Canadians are opposed to homosexual groups having access to public service announcements," the intervention says.

The intervention says the CBC policy is unjust because it denies a

service which gay people, as taxpayers, are entitled to and also denies the right of all people to be aware of activities of legitimate organizations in their communities.

The intervention adds: "Gays of Ottawa also believes that this policy of the CBC also believes that this policy precedent. We seriously wonder what service the CBC will next deny to homosexuals or what other group will also be denied access to public services."

The National Gay Rights Coalition filed two unsuccessful interventions against licence renewals of CBC radio stations in Halifax last year.

Newfoundland unemployment

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Two days of hearings last week focusing on the economic plight of Newfoundland and Labrador left the federal government's task force on national unity with no doubt as to how the majority of Newfoundlanders feel about confederation.

The unemployed, the three major political parties, the province's major media and the general public united to criticize confederation for failing to reduce the province's rampant unemployment rate and provide the province with a stable economic base.

While more than 100 supporters of the Newfoundland Association for Full Employment gathered outside the hearings, NAFE representative Brian O'Neil told the task force that unemployment, not national unity, was the major problem facing Newfoundland.

Amidst constant applause from over 200 observers, O'Neil read from the NAFE submission saying working people, particularly those in Newfoundland and Labrador,

have been abused far too long.

"We are sick and tired of begging for handouts. We demand the right to a decent wage for all Newfoundlanders who want secure and meaningful employment in this province."

The brief declared the unity task force to be nothing more than "a politically opportunistic concoction of the federal government designed to focus attention on the Quebec issue and draw attention away from the major issue of unemployment."

NAFE suggested the task force report may already be written and will be released "to coincide with the announcement of a federal election, and will be contrived to crown Pierre Trudeau as the saviour of the Canadian nation."

Dispelling any doubts about the fate of its own brief, the organization presented the task force with a feather duster: "So some bureaucrat in Ottawa can take it out and brush it off from time to time."

NAFE is an organization of workers, students and unemployed aiming to organize the province's 70,000 unemployed into a provincial union.

Manufacturing future uncertain

OTTAWA (CUP)—At a time when unemployment is reaching alarming heights, the Science Council of Canada has released a report which says manufacturing—the sector most crucial to employment—"is at risk and its future uncertain" in Canada.

The Science Council says Canada is "still far behind in the international technological race." And a recent OECD study reveals that of 10 western countries studied for technological innovations, Canada ranked dead last.

Even Switzerland, with less than one third of our population spends more on industrial research—\$1 billion against \$692 million by Canadian industry in 1975.

The Science Council says the research and development effort in Canadian manufacturing has been on the decline since 1965. And, at least one Canadian industrialist, Terence Mathews of Mitel Corp. of Ottawa, says the government is not committed to manufacturing, choosing instead to push exploitation of natural resources. Resource extraction is highly capital intensive requiring a small labour force.

Research and development in Canadian manufacturing is small because it is dominated by American firms which do their research and development in the U.S. Branch plant operations are not designed to grow and expand, but to sell to the Canadian market and to buy parts from their American parents.

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