## Porn in Newfoundland



by Samantha Brennan

The people of Newfoundland have a social responsibility to halt the onslaught of pornographic materials into their province, says Dorothy Inglis, the Newfoundland representataive on the National Action Committee for the Status of Women.

Inglis recently spoke at the Atlantic Region Canadian University Press conference held at Memorial University in St. Johns.

Although Inglis believes that soft-core pornography leads to the more brutal variety ("What satiates today is not good enough for tomorrow."), she concentrates her efforts in fighting violent pornography.

"What I'm concerned with is a far cry away from airbrushed playboy centrefolds."

Inglis worries about the proliferation of violent pornography. Today in New York City there are six cable television stations that broadcast pornography 24 hours a day and Inglis fears this will spread into Canada and eventually Newfoundland.

"Customs officials are saying there's nothing they can do to stop the deluge of pornographic materials at the border."

Child pornography, another area of concern to Inglis, makes up about one third of the new wave of pornography coming into Canada from the United States.

Inglis said that the Playboy channel in Quebec is now broadcasting harcore pornography, and she attributes this problem in part to the "dismal failure of the CRTC" to regulate the broadcast industry.

"Once it's in it's even harder to budge," she said. "The time to get angry is now before it's inflicted on this province."

Inglis is convinced that there is a link between what people see and what they do. She cited a dentist's protest in England about the T.V. detective Kojak sucking a lollipop for fear of children imitating his behaviour and harming their teeth.

"If this is a valid protest, then what is pornography doing to our children?"

She spent the last few months travelling through the province holding public hearings to hear people's concerns about pornography.

At a hearing in Port Aux Basques mothers told of young girls wearing t-shirts that said "I dig pain." Inglis thinks this reflects a basic attitude that it's okay to hurt women and that these signs are "just the tip of the ice-berg."

Newfoundland has something called a social conscience, says Inglis, and she believes that social pressure can halt the onslaught of pornography.

Inglis belives that it's time the government starts taking the criminal code, especially the obscenity and hate literature laws, seriously. "I want a line drawn," she said. "And if that means censorship then fine, I want censorhip."

She told of one woman who goes into stores and looks over the shoulders of men reading pornography and then says, "Why don't you go home and masturbate in the closet?"

"I give this approach full marks," says Inglis.

"We don't have to accept cruise missiles, we don't have to accept nuclear war and unemployment and we don't have to accept pornography."

## Pay fees or die, graduates

by Ralph English

Students having outstanding accounts with Dalhousie as of April 1 may not graduate this spring.

Dalhousie's Board of Governorshas resolved to actively enforce an existing regulation deleting potential grads from the list of convocating students if they have outstanding accounts as of April 1.

The term outstanding accounts refers not only to tuition and residence fees, but to library and Dalplex fees, loans, and bookstore debts.

All payments for overdue accounts must be made by certified cheque, money order, or in cash. Personal cheques will be unacceptable.

To avoid the red tape entailed by time lags in the internal reporting of late payments, students are advised to make payment well in advance of the March 31 deadline.

Students in desperate financial straits and have yet to settle their accounts are advised to contact

Joyce Kelly, Supervisor of Student Accounts.

Kelly, and Mike Wright, Director of Financial Services, are concerned that affected students may not be aware of this situation. Letters have been sent to the more than 70 students in question and arrangements are being made to hand deliver yet another letter informing students of the change in policy.

## ROYAL BANK REFUSES CHEQUES

by Ralph English

The Royal Bank of Canada has refused to cash bursary cheques.

The cheques name the university and the student recipient as joint payees. The bank claims the cheques are payable to the university. A note from the Spring Garden and Queen St. branch to a student states that a cheque "must be deposited to the university and they can then reissue you a cheque in your name alone. A cheque like this cannot be signed off to you."

The bank claims to be taking this measure to combat frauds it

experienced last year.

DSU President Tim Hill contacted the General Manager of the Royal Bank and arranged for signature specimens of authorized university staff be sent to the bank and distributed among its branch offices. When that job is completed, the bank will begin cashing the cheques.

Joyce Kelly, Supervisor of Student Accounts at Dalhousie, said the signature list has already been sent to the bank.

No problems in cashing bursary cheques have been reported from other chartered banks. D.J.'s CAFÉ

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