

# Women's centre against porn

by Siobhan Hanley

The U of A Women's Centre is sponsoring an anti-pornography campaign beginning Oct. 23.

The task of the Women Against Pornography campaign is three-fold: first, to educate people about what pornography is and does; second, to empower women to take action against images of sexual violence; and third, to present positive images of women's sexuality.

The initial event at 7 p.m. in Tory 14-9 is an audio-visual presentation on the availability and effects of hard core pornography.

On Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m., there will be a panel of discussion in the Heritage Lounge of Athabasca Hall. It will present practical answers to the question "What

Can Women Do About Pornography?"

An open discussion will follow during which women can discuss the effect pornography has on their personal lives. Current inadequacies in the legal system as it deals with pornography will be examined. An important focus of the evening will be on ways women can organize to combat pornographic images.

The series will end with a celebration in the Backroom of the Power Plant on Nov. 6 between 4:30 and 8 p.m. A wine and cheese social to which Jane Siberry has been invited will feature "Positive Images of Women", a photo display and readings of erotica that celebrate women's sexuality.

Anybody unsure about the meaning of pornography is urged to attend the series.

Since opening in 1981 the Women's Centre has continued the consciousness raising work of previous women's groups on campus. As well as sponsoring film and speaker series on a variety of women's issues, the centre has actively intervened in situations on campus and in the community involving discrimination.

Sue Melnychuk, a member of the Women's Centre and active in organizing "Women Against Pornography" emphasises that the Centre is "not a bunch of feminist groupies hanging out" as represented in *The Grind*, for example. "We are a service for women."

The Women's Centre is focusing upon the issue of pornography because it is the antithesis of sexual liberation.

Siobhan Avery, also active in the campaign explains that "this is the first time that the student's union has co-operated with funds so that the effects of pornography can be publicly examined."

Melnychuk says that the anti-pornography series is "not designed to look at what should be censored and what shouldn't be." Rather, she says, "our campaign has an educational force to it. If people understood what pornography is about they wouldn't read it or tolerate it."

She adds that "women have had difficulty organizing and speaking out for themselves".

## DIE board decision continued

When asked about his feelings regarding the outcome of his petition for a refund, Hodgins replied "I still think I'm right. I think you have to read the relevant clause and come to your own opinion about it."

Other groups that are charged less for SU fees cited in that particular section of the constitution are dentistry, law and medicine. David Donnelly of the D.I.E. Board said the lowered fees are offered to students in professional degree programs as opposed to vocational degree programs, like business, science and agriculture.

When informed that another member of the D.I.E. Board had said that

Hodgins was "just trying to take advantage of a technicality ... he's just trying to be a shit-disturber and he wants to make the present executive look bad for his personal satisfaction," Hodgins replied, "The guy's full of shit."

However, two members of D.I.E. Board concurred that when directly asked if he were trying to take advantage of possibly confusing wording in the constitution, Hodgins replied in the affirmative.

Hodgins' final comment was "If they (the S.U.) are overcharging students people should make a stink. If you were being overcharged on your electric bill, wouldn't you be angry?"

# The Registrar speaks on writing competency test

The following statement was submitted to the *The Gateway* by the registrar.

All students entering an undergraduate program at the University of Alberta must write and pass a test of their writing competence.\* Students entering University either directly from high school or with fewer than five full-course equivalents of transfer credit have 24 months from the time of their initial registration to meet the writing competence requirements.

Students with five full-course equivalents or more of transfer credit have 12 months.

Students who do not pass the initial test are required to take the next set of writing competence classes and then a retest. Those who do not pass the retest must continue to work on their writing problems until they pass or until they have taken three retests.

If students are unable to pass the test in the allotted time, one of two alternatives will occur. Those who receive a Marginally Unsatisfactory

grade on their third retest will be reported to the Dean of their Faculty; it will then be left to the Dean to determine whether any action should be taken. Those who receive an Unsatisfactory grade, or who have a Marginally Unsatisfactory grade and have not written three retests, will not be permitted to continue at the University until they have passed the test.

\* Students first admitted to the University prior to 1983, those already holding a university degree, and those not registering in a

degree or diploma program do not have to take the test. In addition, students who have already passed the test at another university in Alberta do not have to rewrite the test; they should report to Testing and Remediation (441 Athabasca Hall) to fill in a transfer of grades form. Students taking only off-campus courses are encouraged to take the test but are not required to do so until they begin to take courses on campus; those who wish to write early should contact Testing and Remediation for in-

formation concerning available testing centres

\*Please note:

1. Students who first registered in 1983 or 1984 and whose deadline is 1 December 1985 are advised that the last opportunities to write the test this term will be 28 and 29 November 1985. In order to register for the test, please report to the Testing and Remediation Office, 441 Athabasca Hall.
2. Unsuccessful students in the above category will not be allowed to continue their University of Alberta program of studies in the second term, or beyond, until they have satisfied the requirement (Such students who are halfway through full session courses will be permitted to continue their registration in these courses only.)
3. Students who are unsure of their status can telephone the Office of the Registrar, 432-3113.
4. The schedule of future test dates is available from the Testing and Remediation Office, 432-2682.



See the above logo? That's the button you want to buy for a buck if you want free coffee on Friday. Proceeds to the United Way.

## Coffee for United Way

by Bill Doskoch

This Friday is Coffee Day, a day where anyone displaying a button with the United Way and a coffee cup logo will be able to drink all the coffee their bladders can hold at any participating Edmonton restaurant.

The buttons are being sold for \$1.00 and all funds are going to the Edmonton United Way campaign, said Herb Wheaton of Kappa Sigma, the fraternity organizing the fundraising drive on campus.

The buttons are being sold in CAB, SUB, and HUB, he said.

All Housing and Food Services cafeterias are participating but

neither the Students' Union (Deweys', RATT, L'Express) or the Graduate Students Association (Power Plant) were on the list of participants.

"What?" said SU president Mike Nickel when asked why not.

Nickel said he'd heard about it but had not been approached officially by the United Way.

VP External Gayle Morris said she had been contacted to get the SU to help sell buttons but not to get its restaurants to participate.

The Graduate Student's Association was unavailable for comment.

Nickel promised to look into the matter in executive today.

**DINWOODIE CABARETS**

DINWOODIE LOUNGE, 2nd floor SUB  
Phone 432-2048


Tickets are available from SUB Box Office (432-5145) and various club members.  
Note: These cabarets are open to U of A students, staff and guests.  
**NEW: DESIGNATED DRIVERS' PROGRAM.** Absolutely no minors admitted.  
Age ID required.

**AIIESEC**  
presents a  
**Rocktober Fest**  
with  
**The Tim Feehan Band** and guests  
**British Rail**



Friday October 25 8:00 p.m.

The U of A  
Rowing Club  
presents  
**Paul Janz**  
("I Go to Pieces")  
with guests  
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Post-Mid-term Pre Hallowe'en BASH!

Saturday October 26 8:00 p.m.

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