

EDITORIAL

Do Not Circulate

It soon may be a phrase found within our libraries if proposed Bills, C-54 and C-60 are put into effect.

Bill C-54, which is proposed anti-pornography legislation that would make it a crime to circulate material that "incites, promotes, encourages or advocates certain types of sexual behavior, including sexually violent conduct, bestiality, incest and a degrading act in sexual context."

The Bill is well intentional as its purpose is to eliminate pornography, but the politicians seem to have become over zealous in their efforts. In their haste the members of Parliament will prevent YOU from reading books such as Marion Engel's *Bear*, Sylvia Fraser's *My Father's House*, Boccaccio's *The Decameron*, Plato's *Symposium* and *Safe Sex in the Age of A.I.D.s* by the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, because the Bill fails to account for material of an artistic, educational or medical nature.

Bill C-60, copyright legislation, follows in the wake of the pornography bill, and will further restrict material. Under the act a person who makes a photo copy of copyrighted material will be required to pay the author royalties. Thus only those who can afford the royalty will be able to do research or carry on with their studies.

"Theft is theft. And theft of intellectual property is theft," so said communications minister Flora MacDonald, but knowledge is power and Bill C-60 will limit that power to those who can pay the price.

Books and unfettered access to them are a symbol of a progressive and open minded society. Do we want Canada to join the list of infamous countries and their regimes that have banned or burned books in the past? I hope not.

Fortunately there is still time.

Ernest Dunphy



Mugwump

Stephen
Seabrook

Journal

Welcome back to chilly Freddy Beach University better known as UNB. Where Siberian winds and sweltering hot classrooms give you a friendly aloha.

As you already know, classes are back and as usual nobody seems to be in the mood. I have spent the first two days of the term in long line-ups trying to get my courses processed. I hope next time the administration will be a little quicker.

Have you heard about Canada's Hockey teams. They have won gold in the last four major tournaments. Let's hope this is foreshadowing for the Olympics.

In two weeks the University will be going to be a non-smoking area. I think its great in the Blue Lounge where furniture has been destroyed because some people like to butt out their cigarettes on the chairs. But don't forget, there are a lot of students that do enjoy a smoke to relax between classes. Just don't go overboard and ban it everywhere, especially the C.H.S.C.

Speaking of the Social Club. . . it is back in business and has a great new look. This time the club has two new co-managers (Matt Harris and Paul Richards). I am expecting great things to start happening. Such as BEER. . . it drops in price to \$1.85. . . that is the cheapest in the city. Plus new deals, new restrictions on non-members, and improved furniture. So get off your butt and get your butt up to the Social Club and support your student bar.

Don't forget those New Year's resolutions, people. I am not looking forward to mine but if I don't, I will be out of school and grow outwards to the size of the Good Year Blimp. Good luck with the new term.

Word of the Week: Conflict - i.e. the university esn't have one this week (now that is a first).