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Students at the Weldon law library can study in peace without the regular influx of visitors when the Killam closes at eleven. The head of the Killam library has decided to extend the hours of the building during the examination period.

Cole proposes radical solution

by Samantha Brennan

Susan Cole, Toronto feminist and writer, has a proposal for dealing with pornography in Canada and she's on the road to talk about it.

She wants women to be able to sue distributors of pornography for "sex discrimination" in certain circumstances. One scenario Cole suggested would be if a woman were beaten up for refusing to replicate an act her husband or lover had seen in pornography.

While speaking at universities and community colleges, Cole is also searching for inspiration for her soon to be published book on pornography.

Cole spoke at Dalhousie on March 22.

She told of suggested legal reforms that she recently presented to the Fraser commission on prostitution and pornography which is touring Canada.

Her approach comes from something called the Minneapolis Ordinance that was pronounced by two American feminists. The ordinance passed council but was vetoed by the mayor of Minneapolis. Some of the women who were involved with that proposal are now working with Cole.

Cole says one advantage of her

reforms is that compensation would be paid to women rather than to the government in fines.

She also prefers this approach to state censorship, which she feels is "the least attractive of all options."

Cole speaks out strongly against "community standards" of censorship.

"What the government is saying," said Cole, "is that the pornographer's crime is only having the bad taste to find the wrong

audience."

Cole claims this kind of control is designed only to "protect people's sensibilities but not women's well being" and that most materials seized under these laws are homosexual pornography.

Cole is facing April 1 deadline for her book.

"I hope you read it as much as I hope that I get around to writing it," says Cole.



Students take the lead in day care funding

OTTAWA (CUP)—Students at two Canadian universities are putting funds and action into supporting day care facilities on campus.

University of Victoria students voted 75 percent for a one dollar levy to support the campus day care facility, March 14.

The day care is run by the student association, but is not funded by either the students society or the UVic administration.

The University of B.C. and Simon Fraser University, both of Vancouver, provide substantial operational and capital funds for day care. But UVic has a long-

standing policy of not "putting post secondary dollars into pre-primary education," according to administration sources.

Of the parents using the facility, 75 percent are students and most of them are single parents.

The Day Care Advisory Board recommended the fee levy to give a five percent wage increase to staff. The board said the high quality staff should be supported, and parents cannot afford a major fee increase.

At the University of Ottawa, no day care exists despite repeated student requests, but slowly steps are being taken to set one up.

Director of financial aid Michel Leduc is chairing a joint student/-staff/administration committee to establish a day care facility.

The committee will conduct a survey to establish the need for day care. A similar survey done last year only polled students, and the committee wants to find out the need among staff, Leduc said.

The women's centre held a flea market March 21, for the second time in two years, to raise funds for day care. Strained financial resources has been a repeated administration reason for not implementing day care.



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