

National Bang gets thumbs down

No bookstore will touch new erotica paper

By FRANK GIORNO

The National Bang, labelled as Canada's first erotica review, is having problems setting off a whimper, much less a bang.

According to editor John Eaton, the newspaper, which supposedly caters to a "large audience of aware individuals" who have accepted such current trends in sexuality as blue-movie houses and body-body-rub parlours, is having problems finding newsstands willing to handle its distribution.

"One of the problems is that newsstands will only carry

magazines that sell," he said. "They will carry Playboy and Penthouse for that reason."

Eaton feels this is one of the main reasons that Garfield News, which holds a monopoly on subway newsstands, declined to distribute the National Bang.

Both the York and U of T bookstores have also refused to carry the publication. Cheryl Stott, the person responsible for magazine sales at York's stores, stated she decided not to carry it because she found the magazine in poor taste and therefore not suitable for the

bookstore.

Stott said she is not morally opposed to skin magazines, pointing out that the store carries Playboy and Penthouse along with such sex manuals as Alex Comfort's Joy of Sex. But she added that some faculty members felt the bookstore was carrying too many girlie magazines.

Mike Jackels of the U of T bookroom said he had originally agreed to sell a few of the magazines, but changed his mind when he discovered the type of material featured in the Bang.

"I was under the impression that it was a National Lampoon type of magazine," he said.

He said that unlike Playboy, Penthouse and Playgirl, magazines like the Bang get leafed through but don't sell.

Eaton hinted that he may use U of T's refusal to carry the magazines as the basis for a test case in court.

The current issue of The National Bang showcases a segment on bisexuality, a feature on porn queen Chesty Morgan, and an interview with a certain Ginger Snaps. Its regular features include a blue movie review and a classified section of "special adult ads".

The Bang is meanwhile planning to publish its fourth issue.



Bookstore browser peruses one of the less edifying magazines on display. Canada's latest sex sheet, The National Bang, will not be joining these.

Turntable, deck vanish from locked college cabinet

By DOUG TINDAL

The second annual theft of audio equipment from the music teaching room in Winters College was held sometime last weekend; it was a huge success.

The thief or thieves made off with a Sony tape deck, a Fischer amplifier and a Dual turntable, with a combined value of about \$850. The equipment was located in a locked cabinet in room 017 Winters. The cabinet was broken open and Metro police believe the door to the room was forced. Two Advent speakers remain, bolted to the floor.

Music department chairmain Austin Clarkson told Excalibur similar equipment was stolen over the Christmas break last year from the same room, "but we thought we tightened up enough in security. I take this in my stride now — almost."

Bob Richardson, electronics technician for the music depart-

ment, said, "Whoever pulled the job knew what they were doing. They brought along the proper tools for removing the equipment with a minimum of damage."

Clarkson said his next security measure would be to "equip our faculty with audio implants — speakers in the rib cage and plugs somewhere about the ankles."

Students flash their credit cards to pay tuition fees at Sir George

MONTREAL (CUP) — Some 650 students paid their tuition fees this fall with credit cards in an experiment at Sir George Williams University.

The university collected over \$100,000 in fees through Chargex, Master Charge and American Express credit card companies.

According to Sir George assistant-treasurer Fred Sauer, the experiment is costing the university about \$4,000 in fees to the credit companies; however, the expense is made up by the promptness with which the fees are paid.

"People with credit cards are good risks," said Sauer, "and this way a

student who is considering paying in installments or putting down a deposit on his fees might pay the entire amount with a credit card."

A spokesman for McGill University, Cecily Lawson, said McGill doesn't accept credit cards and has no intentions to do so.

"We accept cheques or cash. I guess we'll wait and see what happens at Sir George," Lawson said.

Administrators at Concordia University, the result of a merger between Sir George and Loyola universities, are studying a plan to allow Loyola students to pay their fees next fall with credit cards as well.

Hypocrisy talk

Rabbi J.J. Hecht will be attacked by parents and students at 8 p.m. on January 12, 1975, in a forum entitled Religious Hypocrisy is Spiritual Suicide, at Northview Heights Collegiate, 550 Finch West (at Bathurst). Admission is free for students, \$1 for others; phone 635-0069 or 630-6282.



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