Is pornography a women's issue?

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Pornography is become an extremely popular theme in movies, books, video-tapes and magazines. The pornography industry, has an estimated annual intake of five billion dollars. But what does this fast growing 'entertainment' mean to women and men?

Some studies showed that in all 'adult' books a female's terror and fear about what is go-

Piracy

printed on the discs, a pirate would have to access to sophisticated equipment. Casual copying should be eliminated. One thing that the Prolok system will not do is prevent a number of users in, say, the same office from taking copies and sharing the finger-print key.

Vault will sell its discs to software houses at an additional cost of \$1 on top of standard price for floppies. For programmes costing several hundred dollars, that is a small price to pay. The fingerprinted discs will run on most types of microcomputers, so Vault hopes industry acceptance will be strong.

Will the Prolok approach catch on? It seems so. Several prominent American software companies are already planning to use Vault's system, and one big floppy-disc manufacturer toyed with buying the company. Bona-fide software companies have a big incentive to adopt some form of technical protection. Software sales are huge and growing at 40% a year. The market analyst firm, Future Computing, expects software sales for micros to hit \$8 billion by 1986.

ing to happen is described in detail, and considerable attention is given to the victim's pleas for mercy. This shows that pornography is a very violent type of 'entertainment' which is more concerned with power relationships than sexual relationships. Sexuality in pornography is used as a tool to display and express power.

Women are often the victims of pornography; in pornographic images they are subjected to violence and are stereo-typed as people who like to be beaten, to be raped and to be submissive. Pornography perpetuates myths such as when a woman says no, she means yes."

However, men are also stereo-typed and some may be victimized by pornography. Men see a brutal and violent image of themselves. Some men might identify with this brutal and violent image but there are other men who do

Therefore, I think, pornography is not only a woman's issue but also a men's issue. In order to fight the dehumanizing effects of pornography, it is important that both men and women recognize the destructive effects of pornography on people and their relationships.

A group of men in Toronto, "Men Challenging Men," did recognize what pornography was doing to them and they produced a pamphlet linking pornography, rape and war together.

"Why do we use pornography?

We first reach out for porn as young men, trying to explore and experience our own sexuality. Porn is just about the only outlet that most of us

porn, we accepted many of the magazines...We begin to fit traps that come with it...Porn ourselves into the mold of the never talks back...Sex and sex- strong man.. To assert the uality become things that we value of the role we have achave complete control cepted, we find it necessary to over...We begin to believe demoralize women andprove women are inferior to our power over them. ourselves and they are there to service our needs.

Why do we rape?

we begin to believe we have tension of to the woman to fit the role the enemy as much as porn has

were offered. In accepting given to us in the movies and

Why do we go to war?

As men, we assume we have a right to control over other people's lives, whether it be With a belief that women women or other nations...War are there to service us sexually, and killing is the ultimate exphysical the right to access their bodies control... Basic training in the whenever we desire...We want military makes us dehumanize

made us dehumanize women. By beating them, we prove again our own self-worth and our right to control and dominate other people."

The profit motive drives the pornography industry which wants us to believe in its distorted images. Antipornography does not mean anti-sexuality; anti-

pornography means believing in sexual and non-sexual relationships based not on power but on equality and respect. Sex is too beautiful a human need to let be destroyed by pornography.

When, where and why students park

Students who operate motorized vehicles on the university campus must pay a \$10 registration fee for the year. Most students, however, do not know what the \$10 fee is for, and are often unclear on what parking lots are designated for them.

According to UNB's chief of security, Mr. C.F. Williamson, the ten dollars is for the registration of a vehicle, not for parking rights. Having a vehicle registered informs

security, in the case of an accident, who to contact. Many accidents occur on campus such as ice falling on cars, gas leakages, and fender benders.

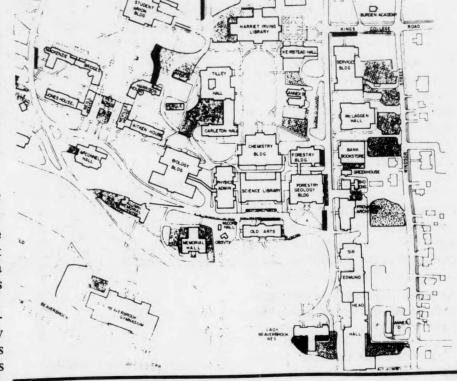
different color to indicate over 100 women from all parts whether the vehicle is of the province gathered in registered as a staff, faculty, or Saint John to vote on the Netstudent car-the cars must be work constitution," Martin faculty, and staff parking. The stitutional convention." diagram clearly shows that students are not designated as much parking as faculty and

Common complaints about the parking situation on campus is that there is not enough. Mr. Williamson disagrees with this. He states that "there is always enough parking at UNB, but it's just not convenient parking.

SUB director Kim Norris and SRC President Larry Fox were questioned on the SUB parking lot situation. Both

stated there were no problems with parking except the occasional complaints by people on the lack of parking spaces, especially for those who arrive later on in the day.

Thus, there is ample parking to accommodate the University, but, however, this parking is not always convenient.



Each registration sticker is a ficial existence last May when parked in their designated area said. "But, in reality, women or else be subject to a fine of have been working towards the \$10. The diagram nearby creation of a network for shows the areas for student, several years before the con-

> An important stage in the development of the organization took place in Moncton in 1983 when women gathered together to decide the Network's format, Martin explained. An interim executive committee, appointed at the conference, was given the responsibility of drafting a constitution as part of its mandate.

The Liason Committee has already decided on a date and place for the next convention where members of the councils, now being formed, will decide the mandate of the organization for the year. Each council will bring its concerns to the convention for discussion and action. In order to facilitate the process of identifying issues at the convention, each council will hold workshops this spring.

An overriding mandate, drafted into the constitution, is that the groups will work

towards the end of discrimination faced by aboriginal women, Martin explained.

Beginning on February 1 1985, the NB Womens Network office will have a toll free number in order to make it easy for women from all parts of the province to seek information they need. Young is available at the Network office from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm during the week. telephone number is 452-8014.

Murielle H. Young, originally from Bathurst, has recently returned to the province after living in Dorval, Quebec, for the past 19 years. "She is fully bilingual and brings to the job enthusiasm and a highly skilled approach to working with people," Martin said.

The Liason Committee, appointed at the Saint John conference, continues to meet regularly and works closely with Young and her staff. It ensures that the wishes of those women who attended the founding conference are realiz-

The Liason Committee members include Cindy Gaffney, Marianne Janowicz, and Barbara Martin of Fredericton, Elizabeth Vigneron and Corinne Gallant of Moncton, and Sharon Long of Rothesay.

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Applications for Undergraduate Scholarships awarded by UNB for 1985-86 are now being given out at the Undergraduate Awards Office, Room 109, Alumni Memorial Building. One application covers all Undergraduate Scholarships awarded by the University. Applicants are encouraged to return their applications directly to the Awards Office as soon as possible for processing. The deadline is April 15, 1985. However, students are urged to complete their applications in advance of this date.