

Letters

Men only good for sex

To the Editor:

We in the realms of the Use and Abuse Men Club (UAMC) feel the time has come to make ourselves known at long last. What has prompted us to end our secrecy are the letters from the misguided "Keep Woman in Her Place Society for Intellectual Gentlemen".

It is time that the weaker male sex realized their true role in society.

Never has it been the case that "behind every great man there is a woman", but rather "ahead of every great woman there was a man who took all the credit".

As far as we in the UAMC are concerned, men are useful for one thing and one thing only - SEX. Unfortunately for women, most men are not very good at it since very few men are as good as they think they are.

When the proper time comes, the UAMC will take control of the world, and men will be put in their proper place. When that time comes, these things shall pass:

1. No men (except for nice boys) shall have television privileges.
2. No men (except those who have passed the rigorous performance rating of the UAMC) shall earn more than \$2 per hour.

Any man failing the UAMC tests for their performance

ratings should consider: a) becoming a monk, b) becoming a eunuch, or c) both.

We hope this settles the matter.

Thank you,
I.R. Wright,
Vice President in charge of Affairs
The Use and Abuse Men Club

for one thing - sex - which is more than I can say for most men.

Our Society, W.W.D. (Women for World Domination), is very pleased to have found a group of men that have realized their place in the world. You all deserve a pat on the head.

Sincere thanks,
Roxanna Morris, Secretary.

Women for World Domination

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to the letters that have appeared in your column from the Keep Women in Their Place Society for Intellectual Gentlemen.

We certainly agree that women should be kept in their place. We suggest role models like Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi, Monique Begin, Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell, Georges Sands, etc... The list does get quite lengthy, but women have played very important parts in our history and we look forward to having more women filling these roles in the future.

Our Society believes that the sex roles should follow the examples set by nature, i.e., the Queen bee and her workers, the praying mantis, the black widow spider, the lioness, and many more such examples. The male in nature is only good

Please vote....

To the Editor:

The Arts Society this year has been no more than a bank and has been an enigma to Arts students. This has to change. These elections are most important because not only will all the positions be filled but hopefully there would be a good discussion about the future and purpose of the Arts Society.

The Arts Society needs an overhaul and new blood to give it the life it has so desperately lacked in past years. Thus I ask all Arts Students who really care about the Arts Society and/or want to make it a viable society on campus to come out to the Arts Society elections March 16, 1983.

Ivor MacKay
Treasurer
The Arts Society

Commentary

Pornography: Can Fantasy Be Compromised With Exploitation?

by Andrew Ager

University education — somewhere along with all that book-learning must come an education of the heart, an exploration of that knowledge which leads to an awareness of what our responsibilities in society truly are. As students we are the founders and carriers of tomorrow's civilization, and we must decide what the priorities of its values will be. This university cannot give us, or teach us the value of social responsibility, or of moral courage, because it is a learning institution designed to prepare us with career requirements. The virtues mentioned above play a pathetically minor role in today's business world.

However, we the students can overturn even a few money-changers' tables, and work towards constructing an exemplary society here and now, which reflects what we truly feel to be our strongest concerns, if we are willing to take risks, and to work overtime for our conscience.

The presence of pronography for sale on this campus is a mockery of the social and humanitarian values which a University should proclaim and represent. There is no validity in the statement that pornography is harmless; it is a simple lie, and one that is parroted all over the place. Those who recite it are unaware of the concrete reality of how the porn industry works. There are an estimated 20,000 lost and runaway children in New York city at any given time, whose condition is related to their exploitation by the porn and prostitution indus-

try. These are figures provided by Covenant House, a haven for these children, that is located in Times Square; Pornography wreaks destruction on actual human lives. This is documented reality.

Pornography also functions as an evil which encourages the acceptance of such things as the exploitation and alienation of minorities, child abuse, degradation and violence against women, as "part of Life." Part of death would be more precise.

It leads to the retardation of one's growth as a fully human being, causing the spiritual sickness and apathy that results in an inability to see a spade that's killing human relations, and have the strength to CALL it a spade, for God's sake.

It results in the pathetic attempts of some people to humorize the suppression of women, or to rationalize the question(?) of porn right out of existence. Once again it is ignorance of reality, and refusal to look at our crimes, that lets us stand apart from the blood and tears of children, each one of which is more valuable than anything on Earth.

If I could have one wish granted it would be for the passing of this collective coma; Whatever measures are legal and workable are within our means to effect a constructive change in society, starting with the smallest details. But among the first steps is the need to act decisively, and to show that collective protest can rid society of its many cancers.

A war on pornography and

upon its direct social consequences always seems to bring eternal parrot of censorship. I say parrot because a parrot can be told that the world is flat, and will sure enough go about and repeat what it "knows." Parrots are truly unfortu-

nate. Everybody who buys porn, soft or hard, should, just for a minute see the very worst consequence of that industry dropped on their doorstep. In order to retrieve the April Penthouse from their mailbox, they should have to crawl

over maimed and abused human bodies, some bullet-ridden, some black with bruises, others with destroyed genitals, or deep flesh wounds.

Go ahead, it's your right to be a "consumer" in today's society . . .

We seem to not know any better than to keep accepting these crimes as "part of Life," or "legitimate freedoms." Yet we will have to answer for the bloody and beaten children whom we have killed through our callousness, or through our so-called "Enlightened liberalism." Liberalism yes — but not stupid and blind irresponsibility. And more, we will be called to answer for our own children if they inherit the despair and emotional vacuum of what we have allowed to come to pass.

It is very convenient to wash one's hands, Pilate-like, of the social and spiritual ills that abound in today's environment, as though "you have nothing to do with it." True enough, it requires more courage and self-assurance than we feel we possess to take on the sins of the collective establishment; But there's nothing that's impossible on Earth. And many of us have a dream.

Ideals must exist concretely — and we must be led by them. But as well, we must not be fazed by opposition based on ignorance or violence. Most of all, we must quietly combat apathy the chief killer of mankind. The day is in sight upon which we will walk together in peace and dignity.