

The bedrooms of the nation

"New technology is moving reproduction from the bedroom to the laboratory and women are becoming onlookers," according to Dr. Mary Sue Hevefin, a New York lawyer and public health activist.

The social implications of this

move and the effect they will have on the very nature and meaning of life were addressed by Dr. Margrit Eichler, a Toronto sociologist. "New reproductive technology is moving faster than our ability to cope with the ethical, legal and

social problems it is creating," she stated.

This was the theme of an international conference on new reproductive technology held in Montreal from Oct. 29-31 and attended by two UNB members of the National Association of

Women and the Law.

Speakers questioned how far science and technology can go and what limits society should place on them. Sperm banks, egg banks, sex selection, frozen embryos and test tube babies

Quebec. Delegates wondered if Americans would be encouraged to use this agency because of Canada's subsidized health system and the cheaper rate of pay for surrogate mothers in Canada.

World-wide hunger simulcast

By NATALIE FOLSTER

Tomorrow, in Fredericton, and in seventy other centres worldwide, The Hunger Project will launch phase two of its attack on death by starvation.

The event will be a massive satellite teleconference beamed live from Madison Square Garden in New York to half a million participants in cities as far flung as Sydney, Australia, Moscow, and Harare, Zimbabwe. The broadcast is being produced by Hal Uplinger, producer of Live Aid and Sport Aid. Scheduled to address the conference are several experts on the food issue and a number of international statesmen, including United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. The purpose is to initiate a new strategy in the Project's commitment to ending hunger on the planet forever by the year 2000.

The Hunger Project was initiated ten years ago by Singer John Denver and two other men. Membership now stands at 5.2 million people in 152 countries. The organization does not attempt to reach its goal through direct food aid. Fredericton committee member Ross Nicols stresses that the Project is not a charity, but a partnership between people in the developed world and those in crisis. The Project is founded on the belief that the solution lies in changing global attitudes towards the persistence of hunger, both in the affluent world and in the Third World. Accordingly, the first task was to reach as many people as possible and convince them that there is, in fact, enough food to go around, and that people do not have to die from starvation.

The Project has declared its first phase a success in that the possibility of ending hunger has been established. "Now," Executive Director Joan Holmes says, "that possibility must be made a reality."

Unfortunately, despite this optimism, the fact remains that the problem is getting worse, not better. Public generosity in

times of crisis, such as during the Ethiopian famine, has been overwhelming. Events like Live Aid have been enormously successful, but still we have been unable to conquer hunger in the long run.

Ross Nicols believes that The Hunger Project will be successful because of its philosophy and the commitment of its members. The creation of a global constituency dedicated to

the eradication of hunger by the end of this century will place pressure on world leaders. Eventually, it will be in their political interest to comply with the wishes of their people. It is a movement based on personal responsibility.

The Event will begin at 1:00 PM local time at the Fredericton Inn. For more information, call 458-8454.

Free Tickets For Hunger Project

Do you want to make a difference in the world?

This Saturday, November 14, The Hunger Project is hosting a live Satellite Telecast at the Fredericton Inn at 1:00 PM. This program is being broadcast via closed circuit television to over 75 cities in 15 countries. The purpose of the event is to usher in a new era for the end of hunger. You can join more than 50,000 people around the globe in bringing forth the possibility of ending death by starvation. Tickets may be reserved by calling 458-8454. They are \$15 for students and if you cannot afford the price of a ticket, call anyway. Many generous individuals in Fredericton have donated funds to sponsor student participation in this historical event.

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International conference discussed surrogate motherhood, frozen embryos and test-tube babies.

were some of the issues explored. An agency in California employing surrogate mothers publishes a colour catalogue with photographs and vital statistics on all its employees so that potential social parents can shop at home. Canada's first surrogate agency has not opened in

Professor Edith Dehery, at Laval University's faculty of Law said that the new reproductive technology is not questioned enough. "Artificial reproduction is a new reality and society must provide a framework to deal with the many problems which have been created."

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