

Dabbling with a new student magazine

Students may soon see a new national newspaper, the *Student Advocate*, on the University of Alberta campus.

The paper is a joint effort of the National Union of Students (NUS) and the regional and provincial student organizations throughout Canada.

Terry Sharon, Students' Union Executive spokesperson, says that the decision to purchase the paper was made because a single campus newspaper cannot cover national issues adequately. Also, because this is the first issue of *Student Advocate*, Sharon says the SU wants to take a look at it, but "the copies we're getting really only constitute a test run."

The first issue of the newspaper will carry articles

on tuition fee hikes across Canada, student boycotts of classes in Ontario and New Brunswick, and comprehensive community college education in British Columbia and Quebec, among other works.

There will be no advertising in the paper, as it will depend entirely upon individual student council cooperation for distribution. Sharon says that the SU will pay between \$50 and \$70 for 2500 copies of the *Student Advocate* to be put on campus. He adds that it should appear on campus newsstands by the end of March.

The *Student Advocate* will appear simultaneously in a French edition, *Le Partisan Etudiant*, at francophone and bilingual campuses.

Skin magazines being exposed

MONTREAL (CUP) - Students of the Sir George Williams Campus of Concordia University have voiced personal opinions on what type of periodicals the campus bookstore should sell. The students have strongly objected to the selling of certain magazines which they claim are sexist - Playboy, Penthouse, Oui, and Mayfair.

Regan, spokesperson for the students, stated, "We're an educational institution and we shouldn't try to peddle this garbage."

Bookstore manager Margaret MacMurry feels that these magazines should not be removed. She said that students and staff want these periodicals in the stands, and that is why they are there.

Regan countered that "any magazine sold in the bookstore should have some academic validity. There exists in Canada a wide variety of periodicals which students are urged to read in the course of their studies but which are not readily available. These should be sold. They include such magazines as Ramparts, Our Generation, and Science

Magazine to name but a few."

Regan feels magazines such as Playboy and Penthouse treat women as pure sex objects and "pieces of ass." These periodicals can be purchased in any news store and therefore do not have to be sold at the university.

MacMurry stated that "censorship is a very difficult matter. It is difficult to satisfy everyone." She went on to say that when these periodicals were removed for a few months, there was an outcry from both students and faculty, and that a petition was presented to her urging the bookstore to restock

the shelves with the magazines. MacMurry added that Playboy has been sold at Sir George for many years and "there has never been any protest to have it removed. As a matter of fact, Playboy is sold in almost all universities across Canada."

"This is a moral principle rather than a popular opinion issue," explained Regan. He went on to say that students are beginning to treat women as more than just sex objects. Regan promised that there will be future objections to the periodicals' appearance on the stands at Sir George.

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