Narconon puts drug addict back on his feet

By ROSS FREAKE

Ken Fiaschetti was a drug addict - acid, speed, heroin - it didn't matter as long as it diffused reality and gave him a one-way ticket to his own dream.

But after seven years of waking up in the gutter, puking and coughing his guts out, Ken beat the habit and is now helping others beat it.

He gives the credit for his new found freedom to Narconon and now works up to 16 hours a day, seven days a week, with Narconon to help other addicts.

Fiaschetti and Nicole Payette. Narconon's Public Interest Co-

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WATERLOO (CUP) - The Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities this month criticized a study saying that Ontario universities have been "unjustly" treated by the province over the last four years.

The study, conducted by the Council of Ontario Universities, showed that Ontario's position for funding universities was deteriorating, and ranked sixth among the provinces.

The study says the province has been deceiving the public when it asks universities to curtail spending under the premise that they are overfunded, since in reality the per student grant is below the national average.

British Columbia, with the highest operating grants, provided \$3,382 per student, compared with Ontario's figure of \$2,773 for 1973-74.

Although Ontario's total grant to universities is more than double that of any other province, 44.6 per cent of Canada's students of postsecondary institutions were educated in Ontario - thus, the low per student standing.

Assistant Deputy Minister Ben Wilson responded by saying that, although the report was "numerically correct", the study was unfair because it did not take into account either Ontario's reparation payments to other provinces or Ontario's student loan policy.

Another point not covered, according to Wilson, was that of the grants OSAP was covering above a loan ceiling of \$800, while other provinces don't put in grant money until after the federal government's \$1,800 loan.

ordinator, were interviewed by Jay Bell during Radio York's Bearpit show on Tuesday.

Payette told Bell and the York audience that Narconon was founded nine years ago in an Arizona penitentiary by convict drug addict William Benitez. Benitez read one of L. Hubbard's Scientology booklets and, using it as a base, organized a group of fellow addict inmates.

From that beginning, the organization has spread to 11 countries and came to Canada four years ago.

Narconon has programmes in three B.C. prisons and one of its convicts was Ken Fiaschetti, who was serving a two year term for trafficking. After his release, he went back into the prisons, helping other convicts beat the habit.

"I was a drug addict for seven g years, and I was in and out of prison for that seven years and I tried a 100 different ways to beat the addiction and none of them worked," he said.

'But, after two weeks of the o Narconon courses, I'd beaten it."

Fiaschetti said there is probably more dope in prison than there is on the street and the authorities don't know about it. "They let you have it to avoid the violence and they keep it quiet to avoid the press.'

He said most addicts become hooked for basically the same reason: they can't accept the world anymore, so they create their own.

Gay suspension

SASKATOON (CUP) - Support for the teaching supervisor suspended by the University of Saskatchewan for admitting to be a homosexual is building. Over 4,500 names have been collected on a petition circulated by the Committee to Support Doug Wilson.

Wilson's cause will be the topic of a one hour documentary on CTV's "W-5" programme later this year. The Saskatchewan Human **Rights** Commission has already launched an investigation, and Dean Kirkpatrick, the ad-ministrator in charge of the suspension, has prepared for a legal battle.

The University's Employees Union has joined with the committee to ask for reversal of the suspension, and that the university form a policy prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.



Nicole Payette interjected and said Hubbard's technique is designed "to get people off drugs, people with no hope who are on the verge of suicide. We're putting them back on their feet and, without this technique, we'd be groping in the dark."

Part of the technology involves creating a safe environment for the addict who has to lie on a bed, close his eyes and force the pain outside and not think of the pain inside. After he has mastered the physical pain he must learn to overcome his mental dependency.

The programme helps the addicts to focus their attention on the activity or person at hand and to help them tear down the mental barriers and defense mechanisms that have been built. Eventually, they learn

to speak properly and to acknowledge another person's right to be, an in turn to convince another person to acknowledge their right to be. In short, to create order out of confusion and to teach themselves to control their own environment

With these techniques, Narconon claims a 70 to 80 per cent success rate - success being measured in terms of addicts who kick the habit and learn to adjust to society and its demands.

Not everyone accepts these statistics, according to The Journal of The Research and Addiction Foundation, the success rate has not been documented in any convincing way.

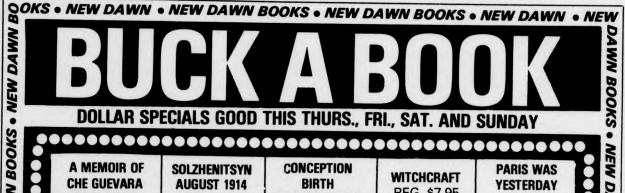
Fiaschetti said that Narconon has such a high success rate muchmore."

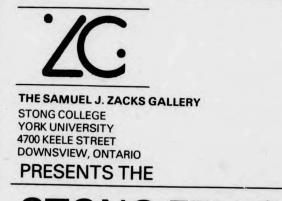
because most of the volunteers are ex-addicts and they can relate to the addicts on the street who can also relate to them.

Payette said that they have made so much impact that they have received support from Roman Catholic Archbishop Pocock and have also received a donation from the Pope's representative in Ottawa.

Fiaschetti said that the Reasearch Addiction Foudation had not had a workable technology and "now we have given them one."

"We're striving for a better environment in which to live, concluded Payette. "And with the popular support, finances and facilities we're sure we can do





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