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Violent pornography opposed

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'People Opposing Pornography' is a group of men and women concerned violent pornography.

The growth of pornography gives a distorted portrayal of human sexual relationships, puts emphasis on violence (usually with women as victims), and handicaps young people in forming healthy attitudes about their sexuality.

Chairman of the group, Dr. Tim Johnson, stresses that POP is not bothered by all nudity, or by all portrayals of sex. It is disturbed by the distortion of human sexuality which is characterized by inequality and the absence of mutual love.

In the Spring of 1985, POP produced a video titled, 'Pornography - A Discussion'. Johnson said "The original idea was to provide a stimulus for discussion on the effects of pornography and whether it should be controlled."

"We thought it might be taken up in the school system but that idea was squashed pretty quickly. There would have been a negative

reaction," Johnson said.

"There is not even a good sex education program yet. Clearly there would have been a great back lash from showing this video" he said.

The POP video was financed through a series of grants from the Secretary of State. It has been distributed across Canada, and has gained widespread attention.

Commenting on censorship and restriction of freedom, Johnson said: "We regard censorship as as much of an evil as pornography. Our main thrust is information; education. What kind of pornography is out there and how much damage can it do? However, it doesn't mean we rule out entirely the use of the criminal code, to control the worst aspects of pornography."

"We recognize people have the right to say and view what they want. However, it is a fact that in any just society no individual has unlimited

rights. If he or she did, he or she would curtail someone else's rights. We feel children's and women's rights are being threatened," said Johnson.

Johnson said that very often anti-porn groups are seen as puritanical and 'anti-sex'. As a group, Pop is trying to find a balance between freedom of expression and a safe, unthreatening environment for all members of society.

"We're pro-love. It's the distortion of sex and nudity, in combination with violence, that we campaign against," he said.

"There is a vast amount of illegal, pornographic material in Fredericton. The Police do not regularly check up on it. I the public doesn't complain, the Police do not raid stores. This is good. The police are of the public, not of the state. POP tries to inform the public, and urges them to make their own choice about violent pornography." Johnson said.



Leith Chu and Zoe Green

Art competition winners

by KAYE MACPHEE

Two Brunswickan staffers, Zoe Green and Leith Chu, were recipients of first prizes in the second annual New Talent Competition sponsored by the UNB/STU Creative Arts Committee.

Green, co-entertainment editor of UNB's student newspaper, won first prize for best single poem and was classed as "overall winner."

Leith Chu, news and entertainment writer, won first

prize in the music category for traditional chorale.

Other prize winners include Andrew Henderson, first in the visual category for "most professional entry."

Vernon Mooers was the recipient of second prize for "best group of poems." Third prize was awarded to Daizal Samad, a PhD candidate in UNB's Department of English.

Adjudicators for the competition were Roslin Rosenfield (visual), Bob Gibbs (poetry), and Arlene Pach (music).

Summer jobs an issue

by KAYE MacPHEE
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Last Wednesday Barbara Donaldson, Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, spoke at Saint Thomas University about the many problems faced by students across the country.

"We are concerned about five major issues relating to students," said Donaldson.

Those issues are housing, funding for universities and colleges, student aid programs, summer employment as well as training programs that enable students to get into colleges, and research and development within universities.

Donaldson said last summer CFS focused on student unemployment and were successful in getting the federal government to reinstate its employment program, Challenge '85.

"We are not just reacting to government but suggesting improvements. The federal government takes us seriously now," she said.

Though the program was back in place the unemployment problem among students was still a serious one said Donaldson.

"The national unemployment rate was 14%.

However the Maritimes were worse off. New Brunswick's rate was 19.3%, Nova Scotia's was 20% and Newfoundland's was 27%," she said.

Donaldson said that the government must meet the specific needs of the various regions.

"In the Maritimes there are areas where there is no private sector which can provide jobs. So to base the program on jobs that can be created by the private sector is a mistake," she said.

She said "there is regional disparity and governments must read their data and learn from its' mistakes."

Donaldson refers to Challenge '85 as Failure '85 in that "it did not change significantly the unemployment rate from the previous summer. In July 1984 about 180,000 jobs were created and in July 1985 178,000 jobs were made available."

The Organization of Economic Community Development predicts that student unemployment will not decrease and may go as high as 18% nationally over the next few years. The government does not have a substantial plan for improvement, she said.

Student Services

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

Information on applications for the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award valued at \$3,000 annually for a maximum of four years or until a first degree is obtained, are currently available at the Awards Office. Candidates must be studying towards a first degree or diploma in a Canadian university. They must be Canadian citizens or have applied for citizenship at the time of award consideration. Selection criteria include high ideals and qualities of citizenship and humanitarian service while in pursuit of excellence in academic, amateur sport, fitness, health, community service, and related endeavours. Contact the Awards Office before January 14, 1986.

GSA

On Wednesday 27 November at 9:00 pm the Graduate Student Association will be holding the first Graduate Student Council meeting at the Sub Conference Room. During the meeting volunteers will be sought so that some very important projects can take off.

All Graduate Students and especially all Departmental Representatives should attend this meeting since some major changes could take place in our Association.

Again key issues such as office space, travel grant assistances, differential fees, independence and other issues will be discussed.

Finally information will be provided so that the attending Graduates students know what problems other Grad. Student Associations, Societies, or even Unions are facing. Their respective financial status will also be discussed.

If any Graduate Student would like to include something of importance in the Agenda please see one of the Executives of the Graduate student association.

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