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Chaplaincy Centre was the Exchange. Maybe some of you might have been lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the posters placed around the campus, but for those who didn't and would like to know what the Exchange is, I'll tell you. It's simply a coffee house! What could be more simple and down-to-earth than a group of people gathered at one place to share conversation, music and poetry - all without the need for any alcohol? These people that came to the Exchange enjoyed hot tea and coffee, cookies, complimented by candle-lit tables throughout. With soft spotlights upon the platform, it presented a very warm atmosphere in which everyone could relax and rid themselves of accumulated problems and frustrations.

--The evening got off to a late start due to slight technical difficulties but everything went smoothly when Plan B went into action. It wasn't long for the performers and audience to feel comfortable with each other. Good times were had by all.

--As for the people that performed musically and read poetry = mainly Shawn, Theresa, Marg, Melody, Robbi Robbin, Steve, Walter, Owen, Paul and Scott - I'd like to thank you very much for sharing your time, talent and energy with all who were there.

--Set-up and running things would not have gone as smoothly as they did if it were not for the generous assistance of Kirk, John, Pe Pete and Joe (who was probably on the brink of starvation before we got it set up). I mustn't forget Dawn, great job! Also the guys that helped us the next morning, the maintenance and

student union (especially Kevin), Audio-Visual Dept., and Music Dept., and also the chaplains for the use of the Centre. There are many others that involved their time and effort that deserve a word of thanks. Sorry about the loss of sleep, Steve!

--All the energy that went into it was well worth the results, I think, and perhaps those that didn't drop by will do so next time, which at present looks like every Wednesday night. So why not stop by for a coffee next Wednesday and say hello! We'll be glad to have you visit awhile.

HAVE A NICE DAY.

-Al-

Dear Editor,

After debating with myself about whether or not to "bother" responding to your editorial of November 10th, I finally concluded that it wouldn't do any harm to comment on it (but I am almost positive that it won't do any good either.) You call yourself an honest pervert and I tend to agree with you (nothing personal). I would put you and your cohorts, who are totally opposed to censorship, into just that category. You are obviously confused about individual rights and their limitations. Individuals have rights only insofar as these same rights do not interfere with the rights of other individuals, and more importantly, with the rights of a community as a whole. The availability of pornography (for those kinky individuals who choose to view it) is quickly lowering the calibre of our society. Think for a moment about Yonge Street in Toronto - are you prepared to see Grafton Street in the same state?

You think P.E.I. is sensible because we remain the only province in Canada without a censor board. But why do we need one? Were you aware that a New Brunswick Censor Board reviews ("censors") materials i.e. books, magazines, films, coming into P.E.I.? You're right - we don't need a censor board because PFA are censoring for us. Get with it, Editor, the citizens of PEI, if anyone, should be the ones on the board, not New Brunswickers. That should be your gripe. And I'm sure that once you get your head screwed on straight, you will clearly see my point.

It seems rather odd, to me at least, that you would be against censorship after having viewed our campus newspaper (I won't even give it enough recognition to mention its name) last year. This is a very local case of what happens when there are no restrictions put on anyone or anything - where everything goes. The junk that appeared in that trashy newspaper should have been censored or burned (and I'm inclined to feel that the latter would have been more effective). It was degrading to think that I was even a small part of the university of which that newspaper(?) was a part. It seems to me that any person who read (looked at, whatever) that smut would at least be for partial censorship. I'm not even for total censorship, but some discretion is (was) obviously necessary.

Well, Mr. Editor, the problem certainly can't be solved with your attitude. The problem has arisen, however, and interested citizens of P.E.I. realize that we just can't let anything go.

And, yes, a minority can decide on what the public should view if that viewing would otherwise be detrimental to the society as a whole. We must stand united to keep P.E.I. "Island like". We don't want a Sin Strip in Charlottetown but believe me, we'll have one eventually, if we all acquire your attitude.

Thank for the space.

A.E.

Dear editor,
After reading your editorial on censorship, I feel you missed the main reason behind it. It is not to protect our society from "smut" as much as a deterrent to organized crime.

Recently, journalists in the U.S.A., did a documentary on television concerning pornography in their larger cities. Their conclusion was that pornography was not harmful in itself but that it brought in street-walkers, pimps, pushers, muggers, etc. which brought in organized crime. This is the true harm done by pornography.

In the CBC special in September concerning organized crime, the subject was also mentioned. It referred to the post-war pornography boom in Montreal. This was said to be one of the causes of the increase in organized crime during this era. When the cause (pornography) was removed the result (organized crime) diminished drastically.

I do not think you treated the subject fairly last week. It may be true that it is a form of suppression but it is in the best interests of Canada. After all not all silver linings have clouds.

Dear Whom Ever it may Concern,

You may have considered your ARCUP convention a success in conjunction with academic achievement, but as far as conventions go it was painfully typical. Many of the members managed to get in the usual bit of carousing and tomfoolery. For those of us who remained in Bernadine on Thursday night, we had to put up with people parading up and down the hallways from one till three in the morning. Now, you say, residents should be used to this kind of behavior, but when these persons persist in banging on doors, stealing our exit lights and breaking our outside lights, it's enough to make a person ~~8&#@~~ mad.

As for you members of the student newspaper who may possibly have gained from this weekend, you are minority, as your conventioners managed to be God Damned disruptive to the larger part of the members of the SUN The Readers.

One Hell of a mad student,
Susan Vatcher

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