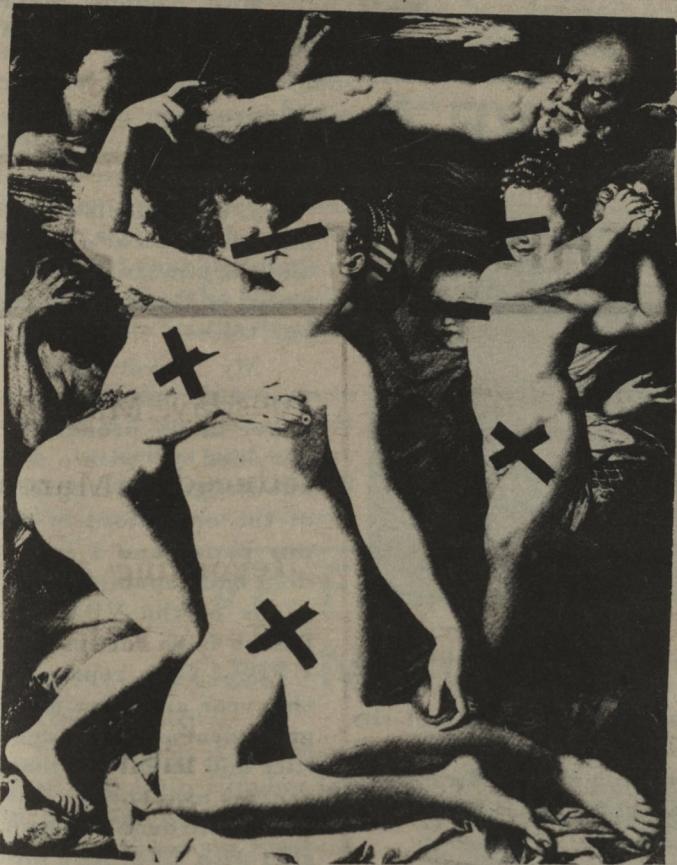




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## New naughty needles noisy non-believers



ST. ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE (CUP) - A painting of a nude woman has sparked complaints from students and teachers at John Abbott College since exhibited in the school library this term.

The artwork depicts a nude woman with her legs apart. The university purchased the work - and two others - for \$450 from artist Stuart Fletcher, a former student at the college.

Mike Williams, chair of the fine arts department, said he did not feel the library was an appropriate

place for the painting, because of the "sort of brazen pose" on the artwork.

Several students also complained, their comments on the painting ranging from "rude" and "sexist" to "pornographic", and "disgusting".

Head librarian Janette Wygergangs said however that the library was the best place for the painting because the college has no art gallery. She added that the painting could be damaged if exposed instead in a hallway or a student lounge.

## Bruce Curtis comes home

NEW YORK (CUP) - Alice Curtis' son is coming home.

A five-year battle to transfer Bruce Curtis to a Canadian jail finally paid off February 26, when New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean announced the 24-year-old Nova Scotian will be moved to a Kingston, Ontario penitentiary.

In Canada, Curtis will be eligible for parole in December, 1989. He could get day parole even sooner. Under American law, he would not qualify for release until 1992.

But while Alice Curtis is happy Bruce will be in the country by May, she still doesn't believe justice has been served.

"While we're celebrating that he's going to get away from that vindictive environment in New Jersey, we did not get justice. He's still coming home with a 20-year sentence," she said.

A then-18-year-old Bruce was hit with the maximum, two-decade jail term for aggravated manslaughter in the 1982 death of Rose-

mary Podgis, the mother of his schoolmate Scott Franz. The two boys had gone to Loch Arbour, New Jersey to visit Franz' parents that summer.

Franz pleaded guilty to shooting his stepfather Al, and was promised the minimum sentence - 20 years - for first degree murder in return for testifying against Bruce.

Bruce testified that after hearing gunshots, he picked up one of the many rifles Al Podgis left lying around the house and ran. But he collided with Rosemary Podgis: The rifle misfired, he said, and killed her.

The same gun went off accidentally in a courtroom demonstration.

Said Bruce's New York lawyer, "I've never doubted his innocence. The trial was a complete travesty."

Joanne Legano took on the case two years ago, refusing any payment.

The transfer approval was made against the advice of the state prosecutor's of-

fice and the New Jersey commissioner of corrections.

Legislative assistant Dan Donovan says Curtis' parole hearing will be complicated. Donovan said New Jersey officials demanded a guarantee Bruce would spend at least 10 years behind bars before a transfer was granted.

"(Canadians) told them in a very diplomatic way to shove it," Donovan said. But he suspects prison authorities will keep that in mind when Bruce comes up for parole.

Officials at Kingston Penitentiary will assess Bruce, and Alice Curtis hopes her son will be moved to Springhill, Nova Scotia, just a few miles away from the family home.

Bruce had been slated to attend Dalhousie University in Halifax when he was jailed. Since then, he has maintained an A average in a correspondence courses from Queen's, according to Lorraine Peever, his aunt.

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