

Green Peace Whale Show to Visit U.P.E.I.

Friday February 6th, the University Lecture Series, in conjunction with the U.P.E.I. Student Union, will present at 7:30pm in the Duffy Amphitheatre, Bob Hunter.

In case you didn't know, Bob Hunter is the co-ordinator and President of the Greenpeace Foundation, a world-wide ecological movement.

Hunter maintains that we are witnessing the extinction of the most highly evolved creatures of the seas, the whales. As part of Greenpeace, he has drawn world-wide attention to this senseless slaughter; eight of the ten species are either completely or commercially extinct.

"The fact that such creatures are being massacred at the rate of one every 14 minutes and their bodies turned into shoe polish, cat food, and cosmetics, may yet prove to be one of the greatest evolutionary horrors of our age. It is the biological equivalent of a Hiroshima or Buchenwald."

In 1975, using the techniques of sea-going non-violent confrontation, Greenpeace sponsored the voyage of the ships, Greenpeace V and VI in an effort to stop the killing of the whales.

Dubbed "Project Ahab" and deemed "regrettable but foolish" by the Japanese, the two protest vessels sought out the Japanese and Russian whaling fleets in the open Pacific, a voyage

that lasted 84 days and covered 11,000 miles. Using fast inflatable rafts launched from the Greenpeace, the protesters attempted to place themselves directly between the harpooners and the whales, making it difficult or impossible for the whalers to make many kills without risking the lives of the protectors in the process. As "human shields" Hunter recalls a close personal brush with death while blocking Soviet harpooners... "the Russians chose to fire regardless of risk."

Open sea confrontation and protest vessels have been the forte of the Greenpeace Foundation since 1971 when the Greenpeace I

and II sailed to the site of the U.S. nuclear blasts underneath Amchitka island in the Aleutians. In 1972 and 1973, Greenpeace vessels entered the test zone at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific to confront the French atmospheric H-bomb tests. During these voyages, the French navy rammed Greenpeace III and a year later boarded the Greenpeace IV and severely beat Capt. McTaggart and his crew. The first incident was fought and won in the French Supreme Court; and the second is still before it.

The Greenpeace Whale Show is an intensely moving story featuring film clips and slides of the 1975 anti-whaling confrontation with the Soviet fleet. A personable speaker, Bob Hunter discusses the eco-campaigns

of Greenpeace in the world today. He also talks about the plight of whales and humans and the case for ecological sanity.

Your first reaction might be "It sounds great but at 7:30 on a Friday

night?" Well, my reply is that if you can't stand up to a little self-induced peer pressure, then you probably aren't interested in what Bob Hunter says anyway. But if you can stand up for yourself,

U of T Report Outlines Anti-Plagiarism Recommendations

TORONTO (CUP) --- The University of Toronto has received a report from the "working Group on Means of Responding to the Plagiarism Problem" which calls for the setting up of writing labs to teach the techniques of essay writing.

According to further recommendations from the committee the U of T is expected to distribute an information sheet to all students at future registrations which will define plagiarism and outline the sanctions applicable to guilty parties.

The working group, set up by the Curriculum and Standards Sub-committee in an effort to stem the use of "essay service" companies also suggests courses for "new Canadians" which would include essay writing techniques and the use of class essay techniques, assigning topics and giving students one hour to complete them in an exam-type situation.

The report also recommends that essays be used for a minor part of the students evaluation in a course, and that essays be returned personally with an interview for each student.

The committee reports that plagiarism will not be stopped by the recommendations and concedes the ideal solution "would be to reduce class size so that each student's performance could be closely assessed by the professors."

In analyzing the reasons for plagiarism the group cites competition for high marks in order to enter lucrative professions and the use of various means to achieve this end.

The report points out the availability of the 'essay service' companies lends credibility to their acceptance and in this "age of the big ripoff" any short-cut to achieving one's objective "is considered to be an intelligent route to success."

Singling out high schools the groups find the optional English program as one reason students do not learn to write essays and turn to essay services. They also claim discontinuation of standardized grade 13 exams contributes to "confusion in admission standards and practices and inadequate preparation for university education."

A.C.T. Leads to Greater Self-Fulfillment

In my quest to find purpose and meaning in my life, I have been able to take part in the preparing of an event that has already proven to be an extremely worthwhile undertaking to 40 students last semester. The event that I make reference to is the ACT (Adult Christian Thinking) Weekend. Before I go any further let me explain what this experience is all about.

ACT Weekend is one means by which people can come to know the importance of Christ, the need of discovering his presence within you. It is a means to hear the Lord speaking with oneself, an encounter with Christ, a human grasp of the importance of Christ, not merely an intellectual one.

It is clear to me that many of us who were brought up

in a religious environment have either flippantly accepted what Christianity means or wilfully rejected its content for one reason or another. For some of us, religion might have been pushed down our throats and we just never made the attempt to come up for air. Or for others, religion may have been taught to us in a way that didn't have any relevance to our life. Regardless of the methods and tactics that were used to make Christianity real for us, it is still a question for each one of us to seriously consider what Christ means to me! For most of us, we have always been told we are Catholic, Baptist, Anglican etc. Isn't it about time that we actually discovered for ourselves what we are supposed to be?

In our attempt to encounter Christ, an environment of trust, honesty and reassurance is important to allow people to look at themselves and outside themselves with honesty and to be open with God so that he may speak to you. ACT Weekend attempts to create this environment where people have the opportunity to perform an exploratory probing surgery on their faith so that we may discover who we are and where we are going in life.

This weekend makes a presentation of basic Christianity and aspects of living in the ordinary world and couples it with a special environment so that people can hear and take in ideas on Christ and look at themselves in that light and thus make the appropriate decision regarding our hu-

man/spiritual existence.

The ACT team which is presently preparing for the weekend's success, strongly encourages those people who are willing to make Christ meaningful in their lives to seriously consider making the weekend. We are all searching and pondering our existence. It is our hope as a ACT team, that we can provide the necessary ammunition to help establish an atmosphere which is conducive towards helping us all grow in the fullness of Christ. The success of the weekend depends upon the support students give it. If you are interested or have any questions concerning the weekend please feel free to contact me or inquire with Father Megannety.

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