

By Marko Peric

First off, I make no apology for this editorial. This is almost certain to offend some people, but this has to be said. The moral fabric of North American society is coming apart at the seams, and very few people are willing to lift a finger to stop it. What was considered disgusting and vile a generation ago is now "alternative" or "off the mainstream".

Editorial

Socially Acceptable From order to chaos

Turn on the TV and a barrage of corruption will pour forth. People go on talk shows to discuss and revel in every disgusting habit imaginable. What's worse is that we watch it. Spin your radio dial and you'll be certain to encounter music rife with not-so-subtle suggestions and innuendo. Open a magazine or newspaper and your senses will be assaulted by advertisements for XXX rated movies. This is especially disconcerting when ads for diapers or children's books can be found on the facing page.

By the time a child graduates from high school, he or she will have witnessed over ten thousand deaths. How can we ever hope for a peaceful society if we fill our minds with violence? At this rate, Roman-style gladiatorial combat will appear on pay-per-view by the end of the decade. Humanity has often thrived on violence, but how can we call ourselves civilized and sophisticated when we can't walk the streets of Charlottetown at night without fear? Violence breeds violence, and fear breeds

fear. Why can't this lesson sink into our thick skulls?

On another tangent, when did commitment become a swear word? BMG Music Service was proud to boast that their music club involved "no more commitments". This is a good thing? When people refuse to take responsibility for their actions, pandemonium results. Look at

the legal system: children sue parents, brothers sue sisters, everybody sues the government (a nursery rhyme for the 90s?). A house divided against itself cannot stand.

Speaking of divided houses, fifty percent of marriages in the U.S. end in divorce. Although the Canadian statistic isn't that severe, it's still high. The havoc wreaked on children by broken families can never be underestimated. The divorce phenomenon has reached the point where actual ceremonies are held, the reverse of marriage proceedings. This is absurd. If you can't stay with your spouse through thick and thin, don't get married in the first place.

We call ourselves modern, but we thrive on debasement. We call ourselves strong, but we submit to the lowest common denominator. We call ourselves free, but we exist in slavery to the corruption that fills our souls. This writer asks if we are living in an anarchy or a kakistocracy. Both are unpalatable. If this is freedom, then let me be a slave with an honest master.

Letter to the Editor

You hit a sour note

Dear Editor,

As the Music Society secretary, I would like to comment on the article in the February 28th edition of the X-Press entitled "Campus Comedy with the Arrogant Worms." I would just like to state that the "music society pizza and beer event" was actually a reception for all those who participated in the Tuition on Ice draw and was given by Labatt's.

The statement that the "music students who attended

the pizza and beer thing had all the really good, really comfortable seats" is also false. I attended the show and I did not have an awesome seat, as did many other colleagues of mine. Those who had good seats had them only if they were lucky enough to know someone in Tuition on Ice.

I am glad that the author and friends enjoyed themselves and am sorry that they were made to feel unwelcomed. I am glad that they stopped whining and could admit that is what they were doing!

Anne Marie Archibald

UPEI Music Society Secretary

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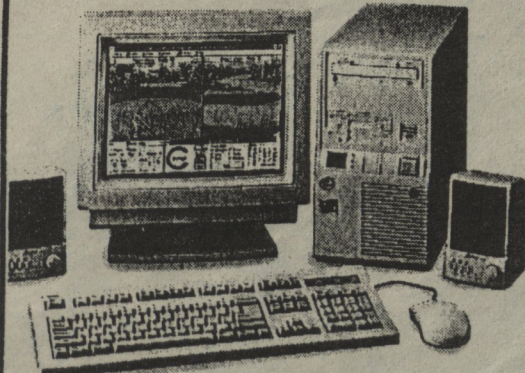
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