

Some trifling comparisons

Pornography and a fallout shelter.
What do they have in common?

Nothing, if one searches for the obvious, which in fact never has to be searched for. It smacks you in the face.

But the similarities in this case are more subtle, invidious, and dangerous.

Obviously, both are issues presently on the UPEI campus, and have people militating against them. Last week, a panel discussion was held in Duffy to examine the pornography question, and students are now preparing a petition to present to Senate on Friday condemning the Fallout shelter proposed for under the new Vet College.

Both issues are highly seductive. People are easily led into rationalizing them, especially those who stand to gain most from them.

This includes those who make profits by selling and those who get the cheapest kind of thrills from ogling porno flicks, magazines, and books; it implicates also those government and upper class survivors who get to 'enjoy' this proposed nuclear security blanket.

Both groups lay aside the morality and ethics of the situation in favour of "practicality and common sense".

On the next level, both shelter and skin shows violate people's rights. "Reghaven" violates the right of all citizens to have the equal right to survive in case of a nuclear attack. Pornography eliminates in the eyes of its readers the right women should have to be respected and observed with dignity, and not just as interchangeable faces on a nude feminine form.

The idea that we should ever need a fallout shelter is as degrading and disgusting to the human race as is the most vile pornography.

And if you want practicality, how's this?

We pay for both ... \$2 million in tax money for the lives of our leaders who got us into this mess, after all, and the social and administrative costs of the increased violence toward women that has been linked to pornography.

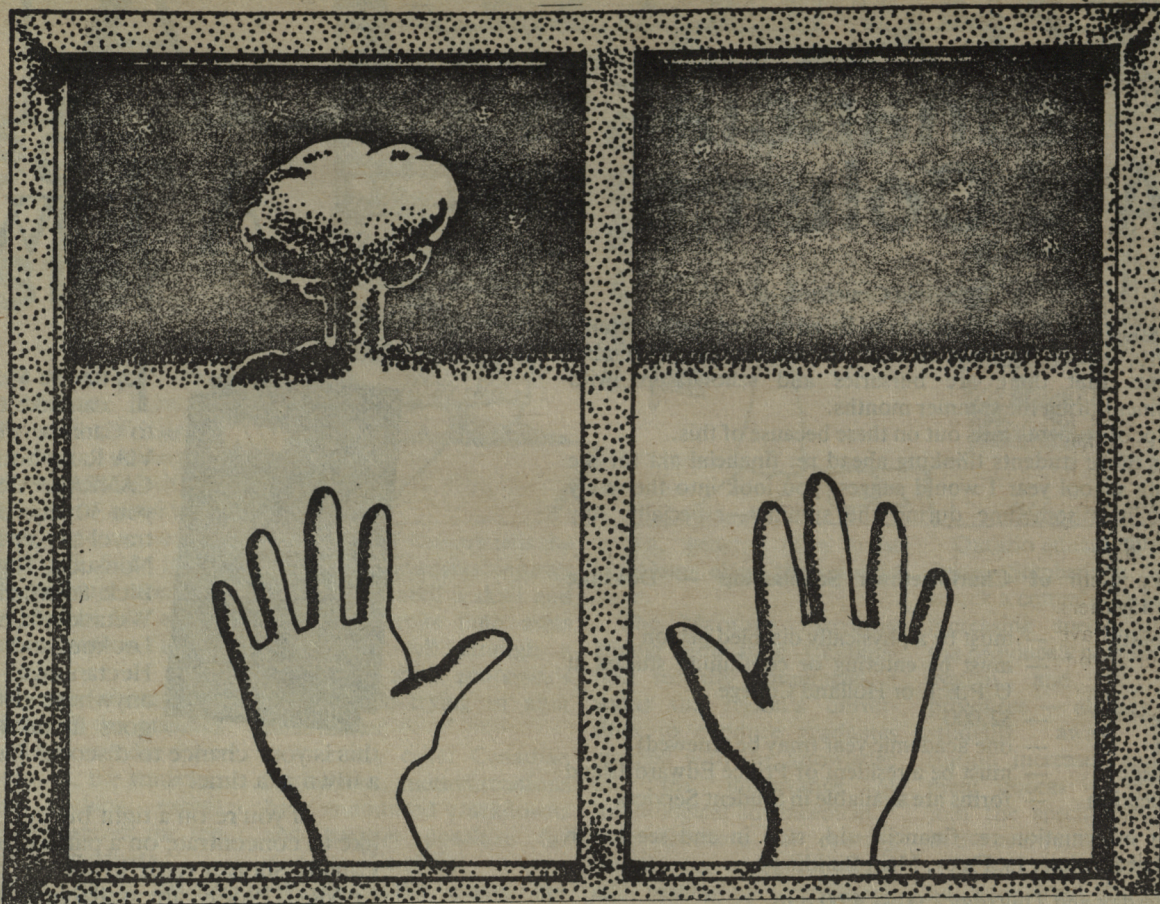
By C. Ryan



Vet contributions solicited

The proposed Vet College will have long and lasting effects on the students at UPEI. The Student Union has grave concerns regarding the future; a committee has been struck to investigate the issue.

If you have any concerns and opinions on this issue please contact Michelle Dorsey for appointments with the committee.



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LETTERS

Lunchtime bunker

"Meet you in the Bunker for coffee after class."

Will this be our theme song soon?

Apparently a bunker is to be built at UPEI, under the new Veterinary College to replace the old inadequate shelter at the Post Office in Charlottetown.

The whole nuclear war mind-set is encroaching on our University.

CBCT on Tuesday March 13, 1984 on *Island Report* had an interview with Dr. Reginald Thompson, the Dean of Veterinary Studies, who was reported as having no objection to the bunker.

In fact, he said it could be used for storage so long

as things could be moved out quickly.

Quick enough, I suppose, to pack in government officials before the big bang.

Not you, not me, fellow students, not your mother or father, wife or husband, we will be left outside to sizzle or die slowly of radiation sickness.

It will be the ones who got us into this mess who will live to fight another day.

There are to be cafeteria facilities for the so-called survivors (will there be survivors of a nuclear war? Of course not) and the Dean suggests that as the University is shy of space we could use the bunker for this purpose.

You are being brainwashed to accept a bunker/fallout shelter that you

will not be allowed, in the event of the holocaust, to use, to accept the idea of a nuclear war where there might be survivors, to accept the obscenity of death and destruction in our midst and to become so used to the idea that is is comfortable to live with.

No longer are officials saying, **IF** we have a nuclear war. They are saying, **WHEN** we have one.

This is how we will survive whilst you are being destroyed.

As you swig beer in the Barn or cheer on the Panthers, give a moment or two to check out with friends how they feel about this issue.

Do we want to assent by our silence, to the whole obscene, inhuman, inhumane, annihilatory exploitation of people?

Time is running out for us and we need to explore peaceful alternatives to nuclear destruction. This destruction can be perpetrated whilst we, through lack of knowledge, interest or courage fail to protest.

Virginia Woolf said that we can best help prevent war, not by repeating the old words and following the old methods, but by finding new words and creating new methods.

At least let's think about it.

Shirley Limbert

Thanks from Hendricken

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, March 24 the UPEI community sponsored a fund-raising dinner at the UPEI Cafeteria to help support Kim Hendricken in her efforts to raise money to join "Up With People".

It was extremely successful and I, Kimberly Hendricken, would like to thank the following people for their kindness and generosity:

- 1) Jim Griffith and Student Services,
- 2) Andy Dean,
- 3) the cooks, waitresses, bartenders, hostesses, dish washers, janitor, and all the other workers who helped to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up afterwards,
- 4) Heather Griswold and Marita McNulty,
- 5) Gerry Perry and the Psychology department,
- 6) Roy and Bertha Young, who raised \$415 for my fund,
- 7) Mom and Dad,
- 8) City Florists, who donated the flowers,
- 9) Moosehead Breweries, who donated some beer,
- 10) Jimmy Mutter,
- 11) all those who kindly supported me by coming to the dinner to help make it a big success.

I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for making this such a successful venture.

Thank you!
Kimberly Hendricken

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Staff

Winding down ... that's us. We're a sorry bunch of tired newspeople. But are we sorry we joined this glorious venture? You bet your sweet potato we're not!

We are Melanie, Ruth, John, John, and Jon, Howard, Parker, Carolyn, Gus, Karen, Leah, LoriAnne, Aaron, Mike, Ed et al (no we don't really know anyone named Al. Do you?)

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