# N.B. Censor classifies flicks now, doesn't cut

Great Revelations. This time it's in the personage of A. Y. Goss. The gentleman is usually known as the Chairman of the New Brunswick Censor Board. But he really isn't a censor and there really isn't a censor board. At least not in the strictest sense of the terminology. It can now more effectively be described as a reviewing board whose function it is to class films into their respective audience age and type categories.

In the early sixties Goss ran for provincial election as a labour candidate for the Liberals. He didn't make it. Then a job advertised as an amusement tax inspector came up that included the censor function. In competition with seven or eight other people Goss came out on top. "Maybe it was my political background..." he said.

With six other people appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, including housewives, lawyers and businessmen, Goss helps make up the group chosen to be representative of all facets of life of the New Brunswick populace. Along with his political alliances he is a regional commissioner of the Boy Scouts, as well as a member of other service organizations, revealing a conscientious, civic-minded man well-suited for work that occasionally has made him the target of younger anti-establishment types. And driving 50 or 60,000 miles around the province each year is in itself meritious of the salary he is able to command.

Goss stated that film classification is broken down into three areas - general, adult and restricted. Theatres are required by law to post the respective classification and to enforce the age requirements where applicable. General means that the film is open to all, while adult means people 18 years of age and over. This type of movie (usually either a war or horror movie) probably contains a little dialogue that a few parents might object to. Most productions in this category are probably not harmful to children but the theatres are expected to make sure that the age requirements or each movie are posted. Parents, as a result, are expected to "shop around" for movies that they find suitable for their young ones to see. "There is no responsibility on the theatres to keep children out of an adult notice has been posted," said Goss. "The responsibility rests with the parents."

Then comes the restricted category. These films might contain scenes or dialogue that is offensive to people or harmful to those under 18. Children who are under eighteen must be accompanied by their parents.

There is no standard or written procedure to decide what movie will get what classification as this is left to the judgement and discretion of the members of the board. Usually only three members of the board watch a film, and if there is any disagreement about what rating it should receive, then the whole board will watch it and then the decision will be left to the majority of the members. A film cannot be cut without the permission of the distributor. The decision of the board need not be accepted by these people. They can ask for an appeal on the decision through the courts. A cutting or film cancellation is rare occurance, said Goss, but "we have to be careful when we put a stamp of approval on something."

## Student senators begin counselling service as liaison

UNB - The student senators this week began a counselling service for students with administrative problems.

The service, which was announced in last week's BRUNSWICKAN, is given weekdays 11:30 to 1:30 in Room 33 of the SUB, just across from the Brunswickan office.

The student senators, who were originally conceived to be a liaison between the Senate and the Students Representative Council, are now moving towards a liaison between students and the administration.

They do not intend their counselling service to become a 'rap room', but will give guidance to students who have bureaucratic hassles or problems with their professors.

## Student Wives purpose and plans

The first monthly meeting of the Student Wives' Organization was held on Tuesday, October 5th in the cafeteria area of the Student Union Building. All wives of students of UNB, STU and TC were invited to attend, as well as wives who are themselves students.

The Student Wives' Organization was founded in 1955 by Mrs. Arnold McAllister, the lifetime Honourary President. She is assisted this year by Mrs. Eric Weatly, Honourary President.

The purpose of the organization is to help wives of students meet others in the same circumstances.

Meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month, are designed specifically to meet the interests of student wives, and is followed by a refreshment and social period.

During the year, student wives may join all or any S.W.O. activities such as learning Bridge, handicrafts, or participating in a bi-weekly sports night which is followed by an hour of swimming in the Max Aitken Pool. Other projects include helping with the S.W.O. Red and Black Revue presentation, helping on the Ways and Means Committee, The Annual Spring Fashion Show, or the Graduation Tea, where student wives, whose husbands are graduating, are presented with a Ph.T. (putting Hubby Through) Degree.

Coming up very soon will be a Registration Party for both husbands and wives.

Anyone who missed the first meeting is urged to attend the next meeting on November 2.

For further information phone Mrs. Stephen Hoyt, 475-6588.


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