

Prof speaks about pornography

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Reporter

Dr. Wendy Stock, a Texas A&M psychology professor, expressed concern about the relationship between pornography and violence toward women at the monthly meeting of the Brazos County National Organization for Women Tuesday night.

Stock's speech included a slide presentation of pictures and advertisements from various magazines — ranging from Vogue to Penthouse to hardcore publications such as Hustler and Gallery.

"Violent pornography creates a climate in which rape, wife-beating and child molesting are not only considered normal, but sexually stimulating," she said.

Stock feels it is unfortunate that Penthouse and Playboy are defining men's sexuality in today's society.

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"The focus in these magazines is on male sexual gratification, not that there is anything wrong with that, but there should be more equality," Stock said.

Young boys learn from sexually explicit magazines, she said.

"When young boys start wondering about sex they usually don't have access to a sexual partner so they pick up a pornographic magazine," Stock said. "These young men are learning how to act sexually by seeing women being tied up, beaten, or raped and packaged to look as if they enjoy it."

Dr. Billie Trail, NOW member, voiced concern over how women's sexual roles are perceived.

"Pornography makes women sex objects — which are non-human and something to use," Trail said.

Trail supports First Amendment rights and doesn't know where the line should be drawn. "There's a conflict in there somewhere," Trail said.

Some shocking statistics from the New York Times were given by Stock:

- There are four times as many sex emporiums as there are McDon-

alds franchises nationwide.

- Eight out of 10 serial killers studied by the FBI had viewed pornography or had it in their possession prior to or during the crime.

- The FBI reported that a woman is forcibly raped every seven minutes and a woman is beaten in her home or on the streets every 18 seconds.

Stock attributes the increase in violent pornography to two things.

One is that people get bored seeing the same old thing. The other is that since men haven't adjusted to the social and economic strides women have made they still can pick up a copy of Penthouse magazine and see a woman being degraded. Supposedly this makes the man feel superior.

Student Senate to consider horse racing, library funds

A bill calling for the Texas A&M Student Senate to support parimutuel betting and horse racing will be introduced during the Senate's meeting tonight.

A resolution recommending that \$1,700 be transferred from the Student Service Fee Reserve Account to the Sterling C. Evans Library also will be introduced.


The library resolution specifies that the money would be used to fund the expansion of library hours. In explanation of the recommendation, it says that the library administration had announced that it could not fund the planned expansion of library hours because of expected University budget cuts.

A resolution recommending that the Senate oppose any reduction of library services also was introduced. This resolution says that the University plans to vacate 2,500 square feet on the floor of the library to the Development Foundation, eliminating some student seating.

The resolution also states that the University already provides seating for less than 10 percent of the student body, a national standards recommendation of 30 percent of the student population.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

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
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