

Porn Wall Leads to Surprising Source

Free-standing billboards give students chance to write opinions on erotica

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Walking towards the University Quad last week, I was confronted with tall billboards screaming questions such as “What is Porn?” “Is porn destructive? Why?” “How does porn affect relationships?”...etc.

As my curiosity overcame me, I went in search of what the billboards were all about. I found out that it was for a presentation called “Porn Nation” sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Immediately, I lost all interest.

As an Agnostic, I figured it was going to be another gimmick to get curious non-believers to gather in a room and listen to someone preach about our sins and guilt us into believing in God.

The more I found out about Porn Nation ,however, the more I came to believe that underneath whatever religious motives may be behind it, lies an important message that we should all go check out.

My change of heart occurred when I started digging for more information on the topic.

>From a press release, I found that Porn Nation is actually going to be an interactive presentation by Michael Leahy, an inspirational speaker that discusses the impact of pornography on campus.

By sharing his triumph over porn addiction, he travels from campus to campus to inform students about the rapid rise of cyber porn and its role in influencing problems such as rape and eating disorders among a sexually-charged campus culture.

Looking at the responses left on the billboards, I could not help but believe that our campus, when given the opportunity, can be very sexually charged.

Joking aside, the billboards showed just what dirty minds many of us had.

Although we may think pornography is not a big deal, and it is just a healthy expression of our sexual appetite, Leahy’s message is still a pertinent message for those who may need that extra push to confront and battle their own addictions.

All religions aside, the issues at hand are important enough for those who have time to go and listen.

Listen to a man who had the courage to come forward and talk about his addiction.

Listen to a man who turned his mistakes into a positive learning experience for others.

For those who had a chance to write on or read the billboards, I too did not take the assumed purpose of the billboards seriously.

I laughed when I read someone’s response to why they looked at porn was that he or she had “paid for

DSL for a reason.”

I was even greatly amused at all the sexual positions and terms that I learned from the billboards.

But then, I spoke to D.J Jenkins, a staff member for the Campus Crusade for Christ, who said, “We wanted to give the campus a chance to express their thoughts on porn and I think it gave a clear representation of what people thought... so in that sense, it did accomplish what we wanted.”

So I guess, the joke’s on us.

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