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NEW SURVEY SHOWS COLLEGE STUDENTS FACE TWICE THE RISK OF DEVELOPING SEXUAL ADDICTIONS

Connecting On Campus Where Porn is the Norm—Campus Crusade for Christ is Working to Raise Student Awareness and Help Students Cope

ORLANDO, FL, February 8, 2007 - College students face twice the risk of developing sexual addictions compared to Americans in general. This was the surprising conclusion from one of the largest surveys regarding students' perception of their own sexual behavior. The survey is a joint project of Campus Crusade for Christ and Bravehearts, Inc.

“College students' pursuit of porn is hindering their ability to form authentic relationships,” explains Marc Rutter, National Director of Human Resource Leadership for Campus Crusade. “We've taken up the challenge of helping students find meaningful connections with one another rather than looking for intimacy where it can never be found.”

In 2004, Campus Crusade for Christ entered into a partnership with Michael Leahy, founder of Bravehearts, Inc, to address the issue of pornography on campus. Leahy, a recovering sex addict developed a multi-media presentation, *Porn Nation-The Naked Truth*.

The fast-paced multi-media presentation incorporates music, movies, advertising and personal stories into a gripping and controversial conversation on the impact of pornography on campus.

Porn Nation has now been presented on more than 80 campuses nationwide. Prior to Leahy's presentation, students are invited to visit the website MySexSurvey.com. MySexSurvey uses the Sexual Addictions Screening Test developed by Dr. Patrick Carnes.

More than 24,000 students have completed the survey. Their responses offer unique insight into students' lives in the midst of a hyper-sexual campus culture. Twenty percent of the students believe their own sex lives are not normal. One in three feel degraded by their sexual behaviors. More than 15% of the students score in the highest range of risk for developing a sexual addiction - twice the rate of American adults in general.

“The false promise of pornography taps into the deepest needs of our soul,” explains Leahy. “In the second part of my presentation, I talk about the close connection between sexuality and spirituality and how I've found freedom from a secret, life-long addiction to pornography.”

After a *Porn Nation* presentation, students meet with Campus Crusade staff to discuss the twin issues of sexuality and spirituality and often join small discussion groups. They are using two books published by Campus Crusade to aid their learning and growth: [Flesh: an Unbreakable Habit of Purity in a Pornographic World](#) and [Fantasy: an Insatiable Desire for a Satisfying Love](#).

Campus Crusade for Christ is active on 1163 American colleges and universities. Its mission is to bring the reality of Jesus to the students of the world.

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