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## Degrassi Post Secondary

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X-Rated which aired on CBC television February 27th was a look by local residents and into the life that the generation of twenty-something face in the "real" world. Producer/directors Kit Hood and Linda Schuyler lead us into a world familiar to those who have noticed that the jobs currently available tend to be short-term and low-paid. The producers illuminated the disparity between their own lives and those of their young stars who have found that there were few employers ready to sign them to life-time deals.

The story is an "offbeat romantic comedy set against the background of the new generation gap." It was created by the producers and directors of the hit series *DEGRASSI* and tells the story of Tony Foster (Gordon Michael Woolvett), a young upwardly mobile business-type who takes a job from his parents overseeing a dilapidated apartment building that houses a motley crew of the rainbow coalition.

The inhabitants include a politically active bicycle courier (Marcia Laskovski), her gay Anishnawbe friend (Billy Merasty), two retro freaks who run a store that never sells anything (Richard Zeppieri and Katherine Ashby), two black activists who run a silk screen business (Richard Chevoleau and Richard Yearwood), an ex-con (Joel Bissonnette) a loafer (Dean Paras) and the sexy granola girl with incurable wanderlust, River, (Stacie Mistysyn). The show deals with the difficulty of living communally in the building, nicknamed the "Epitome" or the "Pit" with the juxtaposition of the yuppie, the hippy (burnt out parents) and the Gen Xers.

The title, *X-Rated*, takes its name from Douglas Coupland's *Generation X*, a novel that gave a name to a whole generation of people. Since its publication in 1991, there has been endless discussion about this generation of lost souls who are neither "baby boomers" nor "yuppies" but the group that rejected all the materialistic dreams of the older generations.

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