

Brandt shows book half-millenia old

One of the newest forms of media will focus on one of the oldest this week.

Father Charles Brandt will show local Campbell River television viewers the work he has done to faithfully preserve an extremely rare and valuable book, on Joan Brown's CRTV-10 program *Reflections*, to be seen Thursday (April 28) at 6:30 p.m.

Believe it or not, the book was printed 500 years ago, in 1493!

Brandt was commissioned to restore the paper and repair damage to the book. It's his profession; he carried it out at his

home, The Hermitage, on the Oyster River.

The interview deals with the history of paper (animal skins, vellum, and papyrus were precursors of paper - the Comox Valley Hemp Alliance says that hemp or marijuana makes a wonderful paper!) Father Brandt shares with program host Joan Brown his experiences as a paper and book conservator. A practical demonstration of how to make your own paper is included in the program, as well as a description of how one can pro-

perly look after old books in one's own home.

But the high point of the program is the loving look we are afforded of the "Nuremburg Chronicle", the 500-year-old book. The book was printed on vellum, an animal skin, which has aged very well (unlike the more "modern" papers) and the typesetting is gorgeous. There are hundreds of illustrations, some of which are exquisitely hand-coloured.

Tune in to "Reflections" Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 on Channel Ten for this interesting and informative program!