

# Willis: No courtesy, and no class...

To the Editor:

In response to the letter submitted by Mr. Peter Willis on Men's Rights, I too am glad to hear a speaker will come to campus to speak on Men's Rights. I guess men have finally realized they aren't the 'superior' sex. They obviously need some sort of publicity to reinforce their archaic idea of superiority over the females. Could it be the male gender have lost their confidence? Could it be they need a speaker on Men's Rights to boost their infamous egos?

As for Mr. Willis' examples of Men's Rights; being able to go out with 'the boys' for a beer and coming home to a wife with a rolling pin is not an example of Men's Rights, but rather of a nagging wife. It's Mr. Willis' problem and maybe of many other men that they can't go out and have a good time. If Mr. Willis doesn't want to come home to a nagging wife, then he should leave her and then he can quit complaining.

As for women staying home while men go out and earn a living. Don't blame the women, but rather blame the society we live in. Men go out and earn a living because according to the society we live in, it's the 'proper' thing to do. But women are now proving this is not necessarily the case. We too can go out and earn a living and raise a family. It appears Mr. Willis hasn't noticed this happening in the last decade. Where has he been?

Yes, ladies go out today and pat a man on the back and tell him we know and understand what he's going through. As if we haven't been through it before!

Kathy Wallace  
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To The Editor:

RE: Peter Willis' letter.

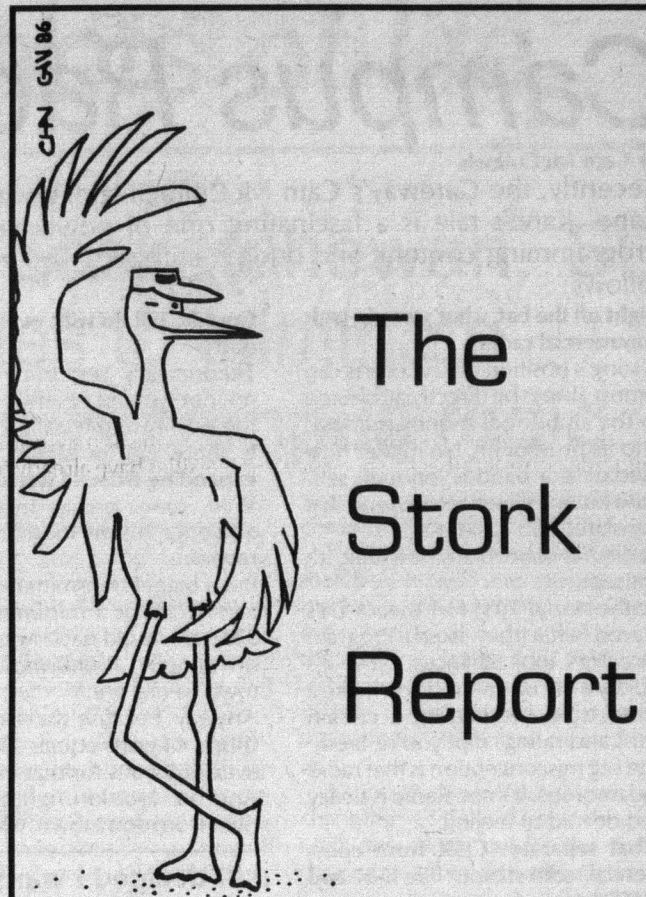
The wife and the rolling pin?! How about rollers in the hair too! Must not forget the cold cream either!

Has this guy been watching too many reruns of the Flintstones or the Honeymooners? In most families today, it is not just the men "... going out there and working and giving up part of his earnings to support that woman and her babies." Reality makes that impossible by today's standards. Both parents often find it necessary to go out into the working world to support a family.

Both husband and wife have the "... right to go have a beer" but not to neglect the obligations they have to one another and their family. Remember, the children are neither just "her babies" nor just her responsibility. Children have to be a joint effort from beginning to end.

Kisa Mortenson  
Arts I

P.S. When it comes to holding doors, common courtesy should be the utmost in one's mind not whether the woman coming through the door is a feminist. If anyone looks like they need help with a door or is immediately behind, it just makes sense to hold the door.



# The Stork Report

by Ruth (Mom) Anderson

The house is quiet. The children are asleep. Her day has been busy with classes and studies. When she gets home, the kids, the housework and more studies await her. But now it's quiet, nothing good on TV, the time hanging heavy on her hands until she's tired enough to go to sleep. It's the "lonely hour" for single parent students, a time when a friend is needed, to share the events of the day; another adult who understands.

One resourceful single parent student built up her own support group in a unique way and is now organizing this support to meet the needs of more single parent students. This group, called Single Parents On Campus, (S.P.O.C.), is at present a telephone support group, particularly during the "lonely hours", but hopes to expand as their membership grows.

Nancy Leavitt, the co-ordinator of SPOC, understands the feeling of isolation that many single parent students have on campus. A 3rd year Arts student herself, as well as a mother, she feels SPOC is a much-needed support system at the U of A. More information about SPOC can be obtained by calling Nancy Leavitt at 450-2892.

Family Services Association is also offering a four week series on developing strategies to live reasonably normal lives and still be a parent. Starting January 20, the New Parents Support Group will meet at the Gilcrest Church Office in the Lyburn Shopping Mall, 7528 - 178 St. This group hopes to give support to both single and married parents. For further information, call Ron McCloud at 423-2831.

Next time the "lonely hour" rolls around, pick up the phone and call a SPOC friend. She/He is probably feeling lonely, too.

# Re: Willis cont...

To the Editor:

Re: Peter Willis' letter

Mr. Willis, I found a great deal of mistruths in your letter: 1) Most obvious was that men are being denied their rights. I find it difficult to believe that there are many women who will deny a man his right to live his life the way he chooses.

One would hope that two mature individuals enter a marriage knowing the other's expectations and desires. No person (man or woman) has to support their spouse based on their sex.

2) The assumption that only women get upset when their spouse has been drinking. Do you honestly believe that women do not go out drinking with other people?

3) Any man or woman who does not hold a door open, I consider to be a cad.

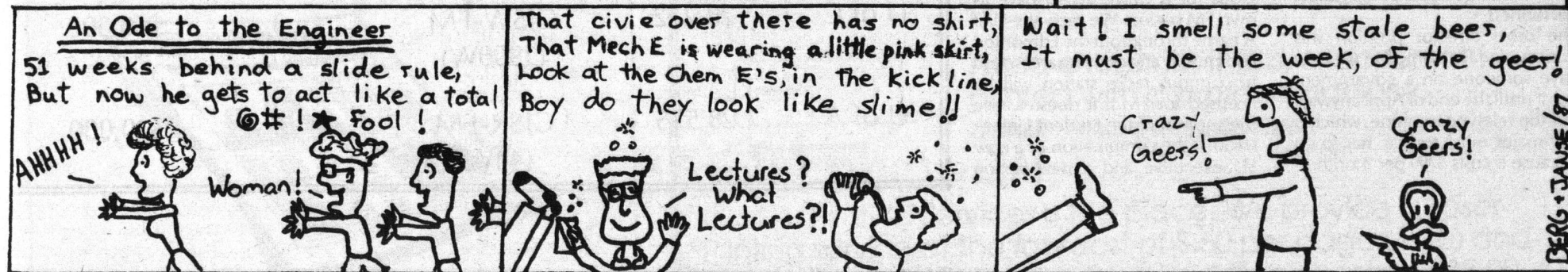
4) You have forgotten about the facts of life. Two persons are required to produce a child. A woman may be unable to work while bringing a child into and up in the world. The father of the child may not be willing (though capable) of raising the child. We can not tell a woman to go out and work, not to abort, nor to give the child up for adoption. We can only give her support (not necessarily financial) in her decisions.

These are not women's issues. These are issues our society as a whole must face and deal with. As for your question about "what is a man (guy) supposed to do?" Treat her like an equal.

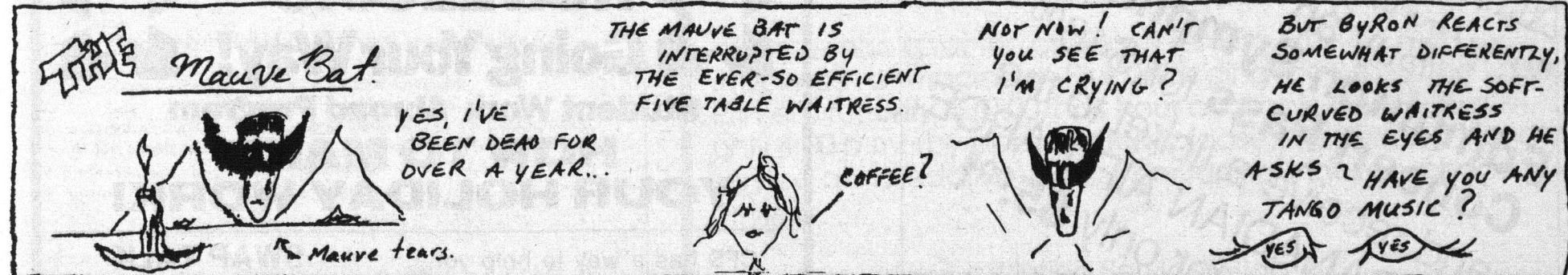
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**PARTY**  
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 Find out what we're all about!  
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# The Worse the Better



# The Mauve Bat



# Johnny Everly

