

UNB Womens Organization for equality

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

Feminism can open up new doors for women according to UNB Womens Organization member Marilyn Smith. She said that women have been traditionally taught to view other women as competitors and that proper awareness can show them that women can be good friends, that "they can share and do things with other women."

Smith said that women are often taught that marriage is the only worthwhile ambition and that many live in a dreamworld where they think that "they will never have to work once they get married". Statistics show that most women have to work even after marriage according to Smith.

Smith said the group is somewhat afraid of advertising themselves as feminists as "there are misconceptions about feminism". She said that many people have misleading information about feminism and feel that some niceties such as having doors opened would no longer be acceptable. "These are ordinary human niceties" she said and did not see why they should be stopped.

Smith feels that there are numerous examples of sexism on the UNB campus, one of the more

prominent being the maniquen in the diaphonous pajamas at the Bank of Montreal on campus. She said it is not only degrading and pornographic but that it is not the right kind of advertising for a bank.

She said that she also objected to the Travel Agency, located on the first floor SUB, and what she termed its habit of advertising nude women when advertising trips south". She said they are insinuating that the body goes along with the trip, which means that women are being viewed as a commodity.

Smith said that many women are misinformed about their own bodies and its health. She said that many do not view birth control as an option, but rather as a necessity, and that many men refuse to take the responsibility and just assume that the woman is on some form of birth control.

Another hindrance is their inability to talk freely and without guilt about sexuality. She said that it's only in the past ten years that women have become aware of their own sexuality.

Smith said that the UNB Womens Organization is currently planning a library dealing with feminist issues which will be located in Counselling Services. She said that while most of the

literature has been compiled the service has not yet been set up.

She said the organization is geared towards education and information while groups such as Women for Political Action are more concerned with legal changes. She feels that the UNB Womens Organization has the more difficult job, as they are charged with the responsibility of educating and changing people's attitudes. Smith said that these are very difficult to change.

Smith said that "feminism is beautiful and that there was nothing wrong with being a woman and enjoying it."

Smith said that her groups has noticed a change in the past few years which is a backlash to feminism. Women are more conservative, more afraid of taking risks and generally there is a lot of apathy when it come to fighting for women issues according to Smith.

She said that the majority of the members of the group are fourth year or graduate students, who have been involved with issues similar to these in the past. She said on the whole the group is pleased with the number of people who have turned out to hear the various speakers which the group has retained since the beginning of the academic year.

Speaking at Student Union Building room 203, will be a speaker on battered wives. The meeting takes place at 12:00 p.m.

Floor Hockey news?

For all the poor uninformed souls at UNB: on Nov. 3, 1978 (last Saturday) a group of 12 strong men and one forester from UNB participated in the Saint Mary's university invitational floor hockey tournament, along with Dalhousie and the Universite Sainte-Anne. The boys played hard, drank hard, scored a few goals and supported the UNB swim team in Halifax live on the CBC network.

Led by goalie Ken (Potatoe) Gaudet, defenceman Perry (shoulders) Cocaine, Phil (my Dick) Jones and Disco Dan we managed to win one game and lose two by close score although we had never played the game before competitively.

"Rusty" or Carrot top Dwight Dickie and Steve (the man) Brown led our awesome forward attack along with Dave (no buttons) Cook, Rod (the laughing stud) Stackhouse and "serious man" Bob Estey.

Coach (no brains) Jamie McDade did a hell of a good job and to prove it he seriously frowned on "fat man" Legassie for having a coke and chocolate milkshake for breakfast.

That foolish forester, Dave Schafield, and Gordie (cop) Bryant backed up "shoulders" in our defensive efforts and in March we fully intend to win a tournament by this time we will take a goal-tender instead of a potatoe. O well, a job well done boys. P.S. Phil (my dick) Jones for drunken athlete of the week.



photo by Kavanagh

Testing his reflexes, a young "student" tests his. This exhibition was part of last week's Engineering Activities for Engineering week.

Phis Ed through skating

This year the intramural and Recreation office; Faculty of P.E. & Rec., is offering another opportunity for those interested in physical fitness through skating.

The free skating sessions have been set aside for all members of the Faculty Administrative staff, Alumni and students and any other interested individuals at the UNB.

The days and times have been chosen so as not to conflict with the present Physical Fitness

Classes held regularly at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Mon-Wed & Fri from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

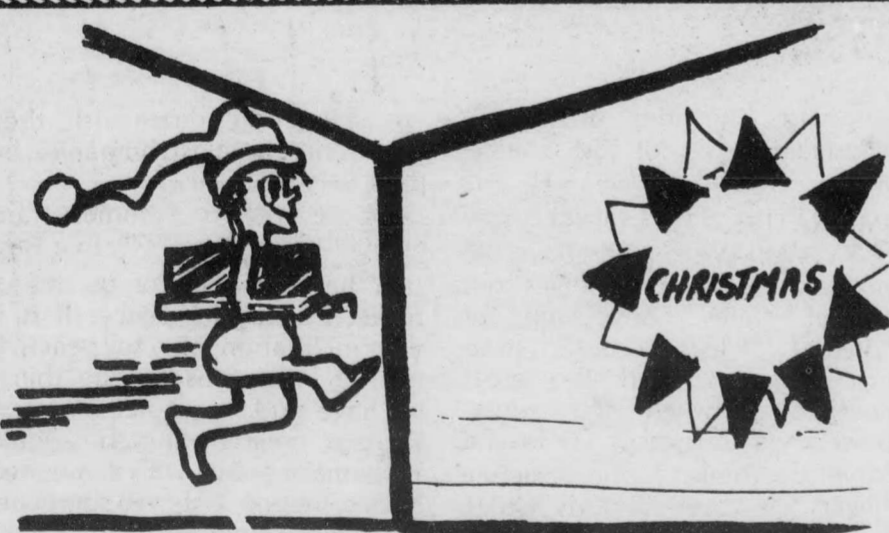
The following are the time available for free skating at the Aitken University Centre:

Tues., Nov. 7	12-1 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 14	12-1 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 21	12-1 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 28	12-1 p.m.

This is another program in developing and promoting physical fitness through physical activity.

WANTED BABYSITTER: for 2 children Nov. 18 and 19 contact Jean Baker at CHSC 453-3536 or 472-9051.

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