

Women need to stop blaming men

Re: the March 9 article, "Castration becoming all the rage, men put in their place," by Melanie Klimchuk.

In her letter, Ms. Klimchuk merely takes advantage of men in dealing with the abortion issue. Unfortunately, such an approach is not only futile but degrading to both men and women.

In the first place, if she intended to blame men for society's problems, she only represented a fraction of the respectable female population. I thoroughly doubt that women with such views can be termed martyrs to the women's movement. In due respect I might add that I'm a feminist, but certainly not a man-hater. To incur a tendency for the dislike of all men is not only immature, but detrimental to the goals set out by the women's liberation movement.

Secondly, the idea of castrating males as a means to instill fear is not only overused but darn foolish, especially if it is used by a female. How can Ms. Klimchuk even attempt to understand the male mind, let alone attack it. I can't, and I doubt any other female in her right mind can either. Remember Ms. Klimchuk, males aren't the only ones that can be castrated in society. Women can be castrated too. As a matter of fact, we see this all the time: women are castrated when they are underpaid in their jobs; beaten by their husbands;

sexually abused.

It is about time we women stop blaming men for every problem that arises in a male dominated society. Blaming leads to nowhere but frustration. In order to deal with men successfully, we must develop our own talents.

"By putting men in their place" with a seemingly vulnerable position such as castra-

tion, Ms. Klimchuk only reinforces the downplay of females everywhere; but it is evident she does not know this. Neither does she acknowledge the fact that many women, including myself, are against abortion. Perhaps she should be reading more about the current issues concerning abortion, and not write about them.

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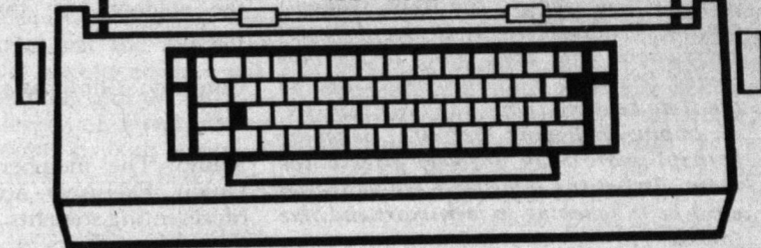
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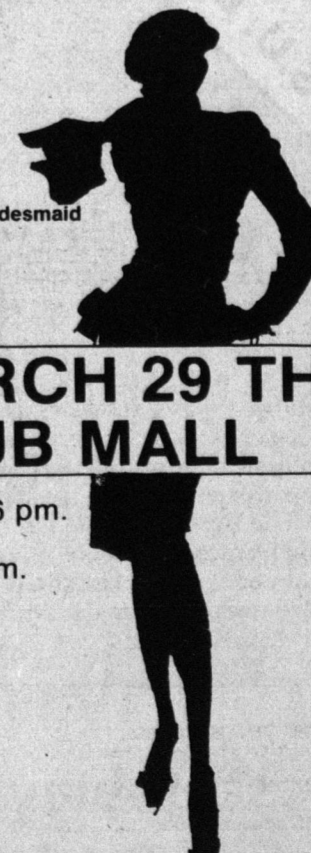
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