

Men's rights group gives talk

by K. Graham Bowers

Now that male chauvinism is in decline, it's time to address female chauvinism, according to Frederic Hayward, director of Men's Rights Incorporated.

Hayward spoke to a crowd of close to 80 people in the Humanities Building on Thursday night.

"We're not saying that women's rights have gone too far. We're saying they haven't gone far enough," said Hayward.

"The basic philosophy is that male sex roles have been just as damaging, dehumanizing, and limiting for men as female sex roles have been for women."

Hayward feels that the male role of provider has virtually exiled men from the home, removing them from the child-rearing process.

"There are all kinds of freedoms that women take for granted that men don't have, just as there were once all kinds of freedoms that men took for granted that women didn't have."

One of these freedoms, says Hayward, is the freedom to choose, after conception, whether to become a parent or not. The woman

can refuse to become a parent by having an abortion, but the man cannot. Likewise, the women can have the child against the wishes of her partner, and a man, of course, cannot.

"I don't think women understand what it's like to be a man," said Hayward, adding that "if it's so far from male to female that men can't understand what it's like to be a woman, then it's also so far from female to male that women can't understand what it's like to be a

man. And if you don't believe that, then that's a female chauvinist attitude."

Hayward said that another female chauvinist attitude is that women are more moral than men.

"The male chauvinist view is that women shouldn't fool around as much as men, but the female chauvinist view is that women don't fool around as much as men."

Hayward listed some other attitudes which he calls female chauvinism.

"Women experience more pain than men (through childbirth) is a female chauvinist attitude. Women are more responsible than men is a female chauvinist attitude."

He also thinks that male chauvinism is unfair to men.

"The male chauvinist view that women shouldn't initiate a relationship isn't in the interest of men. It really gives the woman a lot of power. The fact that men initiate gives women an effective veto over who gets to reproduce."

Many women at the lecture attacked Hayward, accusing him of belittling women's issues. That was not his intention, he insisted.

Hayward frequently states, "We're not here to win the *Battle of the Sexes*. We are here to end it."

Hayward urged his listeners to join a new campus group called the Movement for the Establishment of Real Gender Equality, which co-sponsored his speech along with the Undergraduate Philosophy Club.

Unknown illness hits M.U.

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Food poisoning can not be proven as the cause of a sudden outbreak of illness that afflicted 220 Memorial University students who ate at two residence cafeterias in September, an investigation has concluded.

Provincial government health officers interviewed 156 of those affected, and found that 125 suffered from symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea. Investigators also interviewed 180 persons who ate at

either cafeteria, but did not become ill.

Collected food sample "did not show any organism known to cause food poisoning," according to health officer David Rogers.

However, food poisoning can not be entirely ruled out, as some food items served in both cafeterias were thrown out before samples were taken.

A recently-released report found that "while the symptoms experi-

enced by those students who became ill were consistent with a food-borne illness, the extensive studies of specimens did not identify a causative agent."

Student services director Brian Johnson said the administration and the campus catering agency have developed a precautionary measure of holding leftover food for 48 hours.



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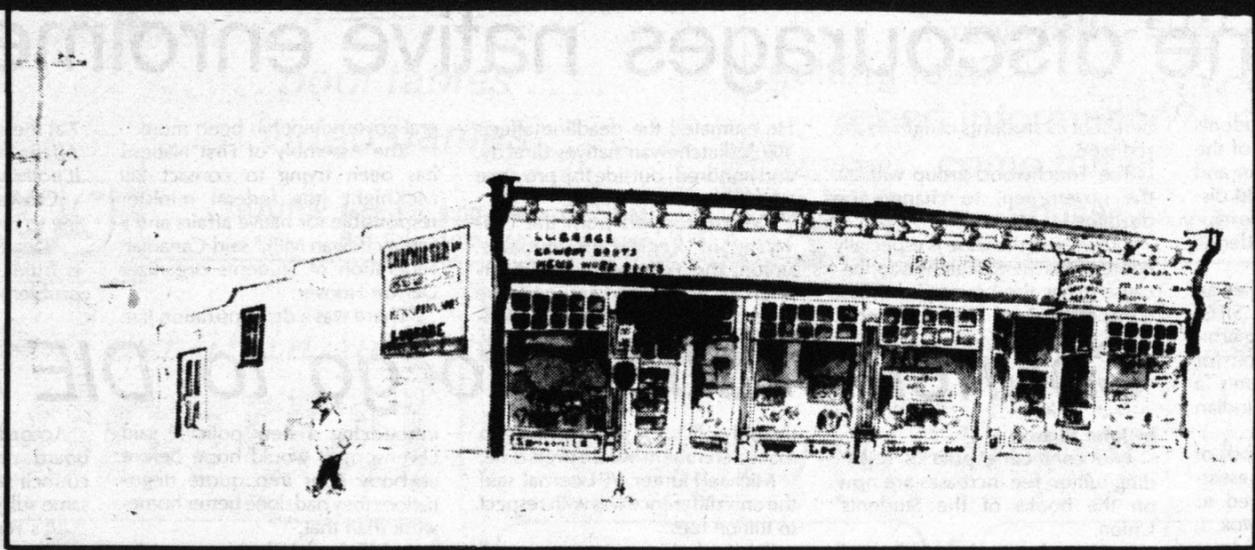
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