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## Gay movement active at UNB

Saw that Musketeer movie last night. The days of men being men and women being women and the twain meeting purely for social purposes and in bed. Also, by the way, the days when the "slop pan is emptied every two days" and medicine consisted of quackery.

To the original topic though: In recent weeks, I have heard a number of my peers [I'm 23] say with some hopelessness how hard it is getting to open a door for a girl. How very hard it is to find a girl who you can be friends with before you go to bed. To have been friends and maybe even lovers with a girl and then find out the next year, she will not even speak to you. To take a girl out and be beaten to the kill by her. These simple statements are, of course, far too simplistic to convey the minor dilemma faced by many mobs of my generation, but none the less the dilemma exists.

The people active in the women's movement have long spoken of the social conditioning of women. No one would challenge that, but the opposite situation is operative as well. There is no doubt that the conditioning of males in our society is just as intense as it is for females.

The problem arises when, in a given time frame, one group changes without relation or without a parallel change to the other. There is no question that women in our society have identified the areas which are unsatisfactory to them. Some women go to extremes [Jack Fenety on good old "Fact and Fancy" was going on about a woman named Cooperman who was petitioning to have her name changed to Cooperperson] others find a middle road that suits them best.

There is, however, considerable doubt whether men, as a group have undergone a similar analysis of the social-sexual areas which bother them. The reasons are in all likelihood that male conditioning is even more intense than the female conditioning and to a degree most men still would want to 'open doors', as it were, for women.

In any case, it occurs to me that it will be extremely difficult to effect any changes in society as long as both hard core [?] feminists and the great body of "middle Canada" remain so far apart. To put it another way, extremists are likely inhibiting perfectly valid changes by virtue of their own extremism.

In the meantime, I guess the silent majority of men and women will keep on getting by and maybe when our children are 20, there will be some resolution to this problem. Anyway, I think I shall get out my sword and dash off to serve the Queen.

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The cornerstone on the Student Union Building developed a very bad crack. The masons are out today to fix it. Now, is the crack in the cornerstone a matter of significance or is it merely a crack. I, for one, expect the building to develop huge gaping holes in its side and after hinting to us that it wants attention, it will now resort to screaming it out to us unfeeling humans, walking on its floors.

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My weekly commercial for staff for The Brunswickan will be short this time. Should you drop into The Brunswickan for the staff meeting Mondays at 12:30, do not be deterred by any fretting and ranting by the staff, as its all part of the "Act", and not to be taken seriously.

## Gay Alliance takes CBC to court

**HALIFAX (CUP)** — The Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE) has filed an intervention against the license renewal of the CBC station in Halifax, CBH, because of its refusal to run GAE ads in its Public Service Announcements.

The group says their advertisements meet all requirements necessary to qualify under PSA policy guidelines.

John McEwan, director of radio Maritimes said, "We can't promote just anything. We can't promote that sort of a group."

McEwan told a Halifax weekly paper that the word "counselling" in some of the GAE ads is the crux of the problem.

"If the CBC could be sure there were psychiatrists on duty when

potential homosexuals phoned in, the public service announcements would be carried."

"We don't feel we should lend any weight to their counselling services without knowing just how good that counselling is."

He added that some people might be offended by GAE public announcements. He also cited time problems as a reason.

Superficially the Halifax decision adheres to CBC policy. However stations in Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver have provided coverage for gay groups.

In addition to the GAE intervention, Canadian University Press member papers in the Atlantic have made a motion criticizing the station and some are boycotting CBC advertising.



"We are all individuals".

On the UNB campus there are approximately 450 gay men and women. There are also about 1800 who at sometime experienced a more than casual relationship with a person of their own sex. Studies by Kensey and more recent researchers have confirmed these approximations.

Most of these people, you can't easily tell if they are gay or not. Gays come in all ages, shapes, sizes, personalities and colours.

Maybe he is the guy who sits next to you in Soc. 2000, one of your friends on the Red Bombers, your roommate at Tibbits or your Prof.

The male and female gay stereotypes are only the tip of the iceberg. If this is the case, are stereotypes always accurate? No! How many men are athletic, aggressive, level headed, casenovas and strong? All in one. How many women are passive, emotional, fragile and flighty? Not to damn many! Straight or Gay.

Most people don't completely conform to a stereotype. We are all individuals. We all have to deal personally with stereotype and often this is a trying process. All of us can think of examples. Gays certainly can, and this is even more so, since they are a minority.

Most of us can cope successfully with stereotypes, gays included. Coping involves self-respect and demands self-respect from others.

Gays are among the most recent minorities to actively demand such respect. During the past 7 years the gay movement has started to effect attitudes towards stereotypes.

At UNB like most Canadian Universities gay people can find a group in which they can meaningfully and naturally relate.

Life offers us endless possibilities for those who are willing to discover them; and at the same time have a good deal of fun.

## Council briefs

By GERRY LASKEY

This week's meeting opened with the president, Jim Smith, reporting on the meeting of the Student Aid Committee with the provincial official responsible, youth minister Ouellette. Smith said the two hour meeting accomplished the agreement to meet monthly and the possibility of a meeting of the three Maritime Cabinet ministers responsible for students to meet on the idea of student aid parity for the three provinces.

Assistant Comptroller, Brian Pryde was granted a \$150 honourarium for his services from last February to October.

Former Vice-President Gordon Kennedy was granted the second half of his honourarium despite the fact that he is no longer a student and did not finish his term of office. SRC president, Jim Smith, explained that in cases such as this the Council decides the merit of each.

The constitutional committee recommendation that the new constitutions of the Spanish Club and the Bridge Club be ratified by the union was passed.

Union comptroller Peter Davidson reported that the student directories are now being printed.

The SRC was advised by solicitor Peter Forbes that the student union ID cards are the property of each student. The question came up at council several weeks ago when councillors asked what disciplinary action could be taken against students tampering with ID cards (particularly with birth dates). When confiscation of the card was suggested the question of legal ownership arose.

The SRC approved the operating budgets of 20 student organisations and events for 1975-77. They were as follows:

- 1) Anthropological Society - \$1,282.40
- 2) African Students Union - \$1,025.00
- 3) Deutscher Kreis - \$135.00
- 4) Law Society - \$3,660.00
- 5) India Association - \$480.00
- 6) India Night - \$720.00
- 7) History Club - \$1550.00
- 8) Overseas Chinese Students Association - \$900.00
- 9) Physical Education Undergraduate Society - \$1,775.00
- 10) Nursing Society - \$2,071.30

- 11) Biological Society - \$1,375.80
- 12) Forestry Association - \$1548.06

- 13) Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship - \$1,302.75
- 14) IVCF party for retarded children - \$50.00

- 15) College Hill Folk Collective - \$403.84
- 16) CHSR - \$14,785.00

- 17) Dance Theatre - \$600.00
- 18) Drama Society - \$3,000.00

- 19) Pre-med/Pre-dental Society - \$755.00
- 20) Business Administration Society - \$3,000.00

The only student organisation budget which came under question by the council was the item of \$1173. for the Business Society industrial tour to Boston.

Some councillors believed this would be nothing but "a big drunk". The objecting councillors said they spoke from experience of their own conferences and trips.

Another councillor said, "We can't assume that this will be a drunk; we're pre-judging it, and we can't." The budget was passed, after much hot air, with narry a dissenting voice.