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A Valentine's Day tribute

Dear Editor:

Consciousness.
Awareness. . .we are a generation in transition. . .exploring our mortal parameters.

. . .experimenting with new life-style philosophies and questioning previous ideologies. . .feeling that old myths and folklore no longer determine our behaviour. Yet, . . .in our search for reality, to postulate

that we have surpassed (escaped) these old myths, is the biggest myth of all!

Our sexual roles are sexual identity, involved behaviors and activities that are considered appropriate for

members of each gender. Influencing sex roles are differential reinforcement of boys and girls and exposure to societal expectations. Recently, various factors have weakened sex role distinc-

tions. The result may be an increase in freedom of choice for both sexes. Although our nouveau consciousness allows us to exceed the old norms. . .Are we really prepared for this journey into sexual role equality?

In recent years women certainly have not suffered from a lack of study surrounding their public efforts, legal status and labour force participation. But efforts to expand consciousness about sexual equality in social dating situations still remains relatively unexplored. Oh, we have been active participants in the sexual revolution, in a physical sense! But imagine if you will. . . the fragility, confusion and anomie (normlessness) if cupid's arrows are initiated, perpetuated and in the female's control. Sent with the intent to woo! Yes, I am referring to a total role reversal, stepping into the role of the other. . .Inexperienced in the appropriate means to achieve your ends. Experiencing the arbitrary nature of the social expectations that we put on one another.

It is here I begin my Valentine tribute to the male population of UNB. And more specifically, one incredibly attractive cosmic man that has accompanied me and held me close while nurturing my cupid's arrows in this, my unique exploration! A growing learning experience I would like to share.

LETTER FROM HER TO HIM

Hello Gorgeous! It was my understanding of myself to have a cosmopolitan mentality, be open-minded and capable of the transition into a life-style without sex-role distinctions. Total sexual equality. Since, I have realized obligations and responsibilities in the social dating sphere and have deepened my appreciation of the male sex role.

Four months have elapsed since first glance of you, the subject of many daydreams that followed (some yet unmaterialized!) A sentient creature, with constant energy, a pleasure to watch, always moving in a relaxed fluid sense. . .unaware of the situation growing and being harboured within me. Saucy. . .a tease. . .providing my fantasies with ample ammunition. It is here the conflict arises. . .two months now you have

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