

NAKED CAME POLONSKY *anybody here seen my g-string*

Tonight, York University ushers in a new phase in its artistic contribution to the community. Tonight, is the premiere presentation of the academic world's challenge to Amateur Night at the Victory Burlesque. . . Founders Follies, or if you prefer the less prosaic. . . Boy, Do I have A Pair Of Knockers For You. The basic purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for several female students or professors to demonstrate their wares to the outside world, and to prove once and for all, that those of the academic bent can take their clothes off just as well as those of the more mundane working class. Not only will some young thing help to destroy the myth of the ivory tower, but will also take home 75 dollars for her efforts. And this comes to about five dollars a bump and four dollars a grind.

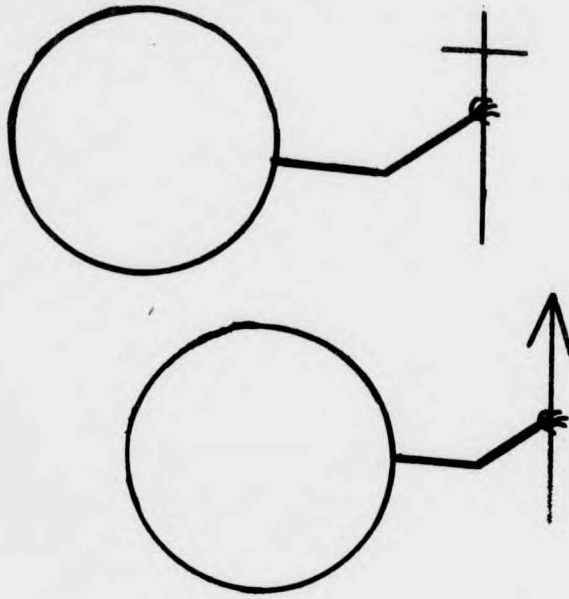
But the real demonstration of that "part of you that is all woman", may be taking place outside the contest, as York's angry young women present their production of Ban the Boob. Whereas striptease contests tend to exploit women, and whereas women should most definitely not enjoy parading about like prize pigs, an activity which according to the Millet Bible is no longer considered Kosher, The Women's Liberation Movement along with certain questionably male supporters is planning to picket the proceedings. The Women's Lib. demonstration is free. The inside follies is two dollars.

To a neutral observer like myself, this of course begs the question, does stripping exploit women? Well, for an insight into this whole matter, we naturally turn to the works of a male expert. He is Dr. David Reuben, author of that Love story for a clutz. EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX. . . BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.

"What about female exhibitionists? Most of them are professionals. Strippers and topless dancers are good examples. No matter what they say, most strippers enjoy their work. They derive sexual satisfaction from displaying their breasts to large groups of men. More than one strippers has obliged an enthusiastic audience by taking it all off, G-string and all and parading around nude. She gets what she wants and they get what they want.

Everybody is happy, no harm is done, except to Public Morals, whatever that means.

"Predictably, strippers don't get much other sexual satisfaction. They usually have trouble attaining orgasm and never find much real pleasure



in genital sex.

"The same holds true in general for beauty queens. Their activities have more social approval, but the game is the same. Miss Artichoke of 1966 has a lot in common with Bubbles LaTour and her Magic Balloons."

"Are there any men who are professional exhibitionists?"

"Very few. Basically it's an economic problem. There aren't enough people around who will pay to watch a hairy man strip down to his jockey shorts to music."

So, according to the good doctor there really is nothing wrong with a good wholesome striptease act. As a matter of fact, if anyone gets the bum deal out of all this it is the man. While women get plenty of opportunities to display their assorted jollies men are prohibited by law to exhibit their genitals. The laws not only discriminate against men here, but also in the transvestite field. Women are allowed to wear any male garment they wish, but "Let a man appear on the street in a skirt and blouse with high heels and he is in the hoosegow before the polish is dry on his nails". So, while women can strip, go-go, and galavant around in men's clothing, men are taken off to the brink and branded as sexual perverts.

Women! They just don't realize how lucky they have it. And furthermore, one might ask what right does a group of supposedly sexually well adjusted chicks have to impose their politically sexual mores on those with more peculiar appetites.

Yet, instinctively, if I may place myself in the female's mind for a moment, I would imagine that I would find something a little repulsive about members of my sex gyrating their bodies around so that a batch of horny fellows could hoot and throw nickles at their favourites. I would find it even more repulsive if the performing seals were so embarrassed over their gyrations that they, as in the case of Founders Follies, chose to wear masks covering up their identity. And in a male capacity, I would find it a trifle disconcerting if I recognized one of the bodies as that belonging to my kid sister. And I guess if one really does choose to think about it, there perhaps is something just a little crass about a woman being reduced to a rotting piece of meat with boobs, just to give the boys a fun night on the town. Then again, one might argue, what's wrong with being a little crass?

So Founders Follies with its accompanying Women's lib protest does present a full blooded Americanized boy with quite a moral dilemma. Should he pay two dollars and watch the strip contest, or should he settle for the show outside, the latter being free and potentially safer?

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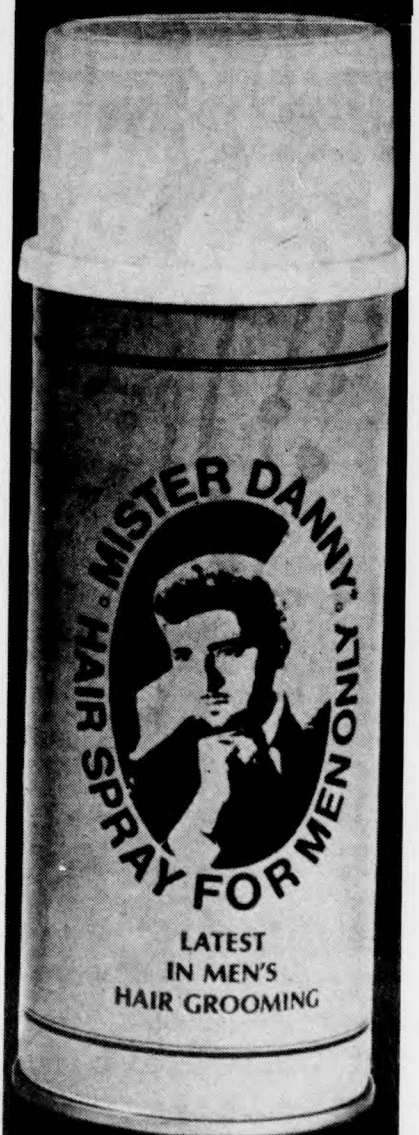
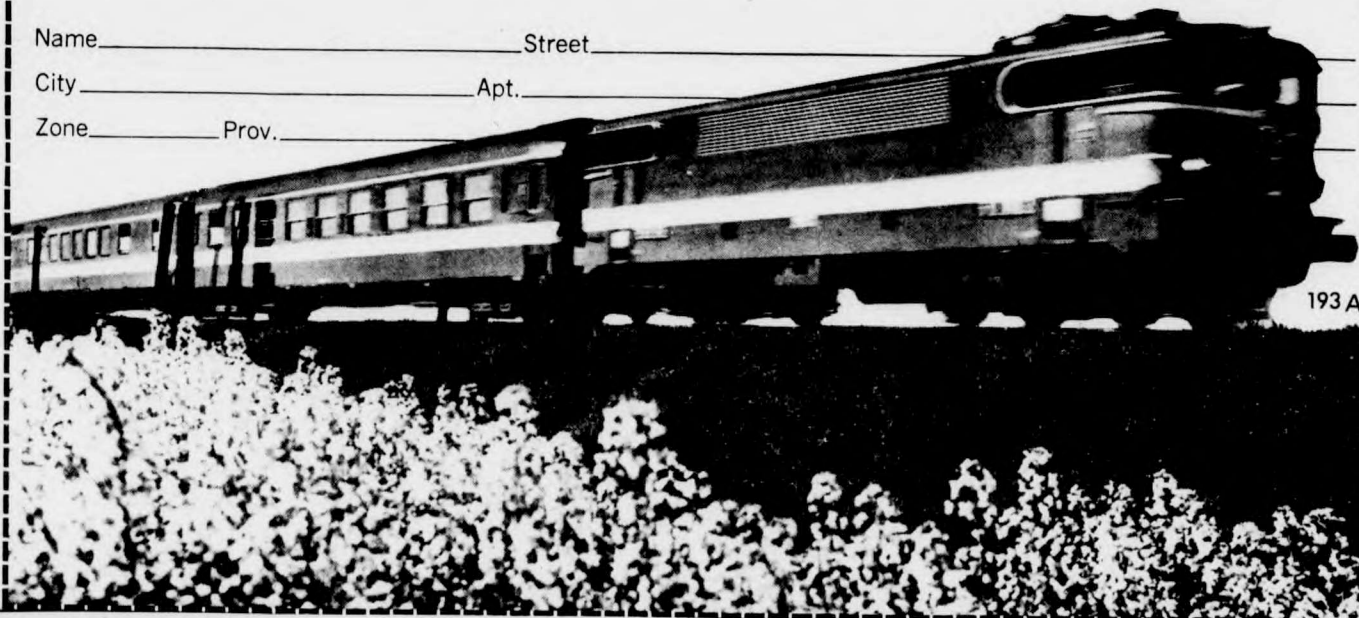
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