

# Four wheels better

by Adam Newman

Travel is becoming more affordable and ecologically-sound thanks to the efforts of a local environmentalist.

Judy Meades formed Alternative Passage because she was concerned about the effect cars have on the environment, and wanted to reduce pollution. "I don't own a car and I never will," she says.

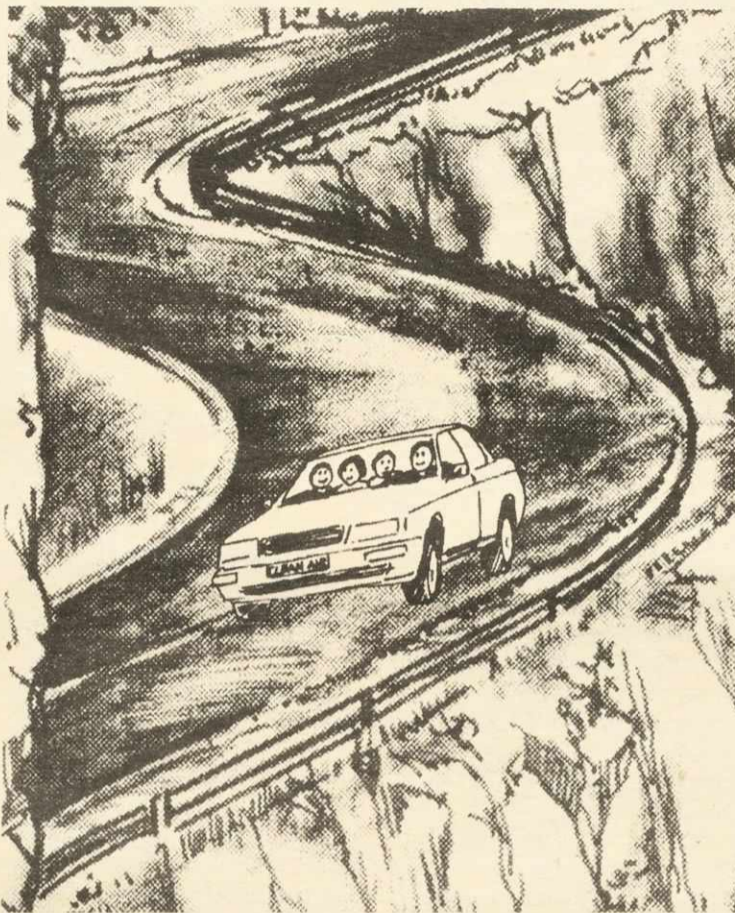
Canadians own more cars now than ever before and they are hitting the road in record numbers, according to Statistics Canada. Canada's population grew 8% between 1980 and 1988, while car travel jumped 22%. The passenger car accounts for four-fifths of all intercity travel.

The transportation sector generates 66% of the carbon monoxide, 62% of the nitrogen oxides, and 42% of the hydrocarbons polluting the air. Power plants are responsible for 20% of sulphur dioxide emissions and 18% of nitrogen oxide emissions.

Nitrogen oxide contributes to the formation of ground-level ozone, or smog. High concentrations of ozone may affect the health of people and vegetation, and corrode materials.

But cars stress the environment in more ways than one. According to Statistics Canada, Canadians have little idea of the amount of steel and energy consumed when cars are produced. We are never told how much waste has been generated in producing one car.

Another problem associated with car travel is the need for road maintenance and construction. These



processes consume natural resources, disrupt land, and generate waste. "New roads are being built and old ones are being repaired all the time," says Meades, "we owe it to nature to use them efficiently."

The benefits are environmental and economic as well. Canadians spend a lot of money on their cars. In 1986, over 84% of households reported expenditures on the opera-

tion of private motor vehicles. The average expenditure was \$4,982. By taking passengers, car owners can begin to reduce their costs, says Meades. Her company rewards drivers who are willing to fill their empty seats.

Passengers benefit by travelling for half the price of bus fare. Alternative Passage provides more friendly, flexible and convenient service to people and the environment.

# Transforming mere masculinity

by Staff

More men are thinking about what it means to be a man. There are as many reasons for this as there are men: for some, an interest in issues about masculinity comes from an awareness of gender issues; for others, it comes from the recognition that re-defining masculinity is synonymous with confronting our homophobia; while for others, it comes from a desire to improve a relationship with a mother, a sister, a lover or friend. For some women, re-defining masculinity means no more battering and no more rape.

From wherever your own interest on these issues comes, Dal Men for Change and PIRG welcome you to CHALLENGING OURSELVES: A DISCUSSION ON MASCULINITY. The speaker is Blye Frank from the Dept. of Education at Mount St. Vincent University. It will be held on Wednesday March 24 at 7:30 in Room 224/226 in the SUB.

Some men who are sympathetic to women's struggle against sexism are working at becoming allies for change. For us men, opposing sexism in our institutions and in other men, no doubt, is easier than opposing the sexism in ourselves. But which is

most important? Challenging sexism in (1) our institutions? (2) in other men? or (3) in ourselves? All three are equally important so we should work at all three of these areas simultaneously. So where do we begin? Everywhere!

By examining our assumptions about what 'real men' are and what 'real men' do, we can learn ways of confronting the sexism in ourselves. At the least, it may give us some idea

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on why Robert Bly and his followers are selling millions of books on how to get in touch with our "deep masculine" selves within. With all the attention paid to this one narrow viewpoint by the popular media it is understandable why people are getting the mistaken impression that this is what re-defining masculinity is all about.

We asked Blye Frank for his thoughts on the matter. "There are

two major problems with Robert Bly's approach," says Blye Frank. "First of all, it doesn't provide people with a political analysis of men's daily lives that effectively deals with racism, sexism, heterosexism, and misogyny. Secondly, it doesn't deal with the intimate and structural power differences between men and women in their daily lives." In the upcoming Discussion on Masculinity, Blye Frank will present some approaches which are sensitive to a wide spectrum of analyses.

Some frequently asked questions. Q: Who are Dal Men for Change? A: Dal Men for Change is a collective group of men. Q: What do they want to change? A: Our wish is to increase awareness and raise consciousness in ourselves and other men concerning issues of feminism and masculinity. Q: Do they put on any activities which centre around "woods" and "drums"? A: Huh?

Anyone interested in joining next September can leave their name with Roger or Derrick after the discussion or at the PIRG office in the SUB. The group does not require in-depth knowledge of the issues, and the people who come just need to have an interest in talking and learning about these issues.

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