

—Harbinger column—

Plans have solidified for a conference on men's liberation to be held on October 3rd through 5th, on the campus of the University of Waterloo.

The conference has as its main purpose—the examination of several aspects of the male role (sexuality, performance, men and children, sexism and consciousness-raising), and will consist of lectures, multiple small group workshops, films and informal evening events.

The co-ordinators have tried for diversity in topics and formats, but as we are uncertain of the form a men's movement in Canada may take, there is little we can determine about the nature of the Waterloo conference.

One of the purposes of the conference will be the formation of an informal network to serve as a registry of men's consciousness-raising groups and resource centres for men in Canada.

At the same time, there will be

opportunities in the weekend for persons to organize small workshops in areas not dealt with directly by the planned conference programmes. Registrants should feel free to suggest topics; such as, men and health, experiences in consciousness-raising, men in prison, use of mime for personal

expression, and so on.

After lengthy discussions with both men and women it was decided to restrict attendance at the conference to men only.

Men have for only a short time been communicating with each other, and the purpose of the conference, in part, is to discover to

what extent men can discuss their sex roles with other men. There is a clear precedent for this decision in the women's movement.

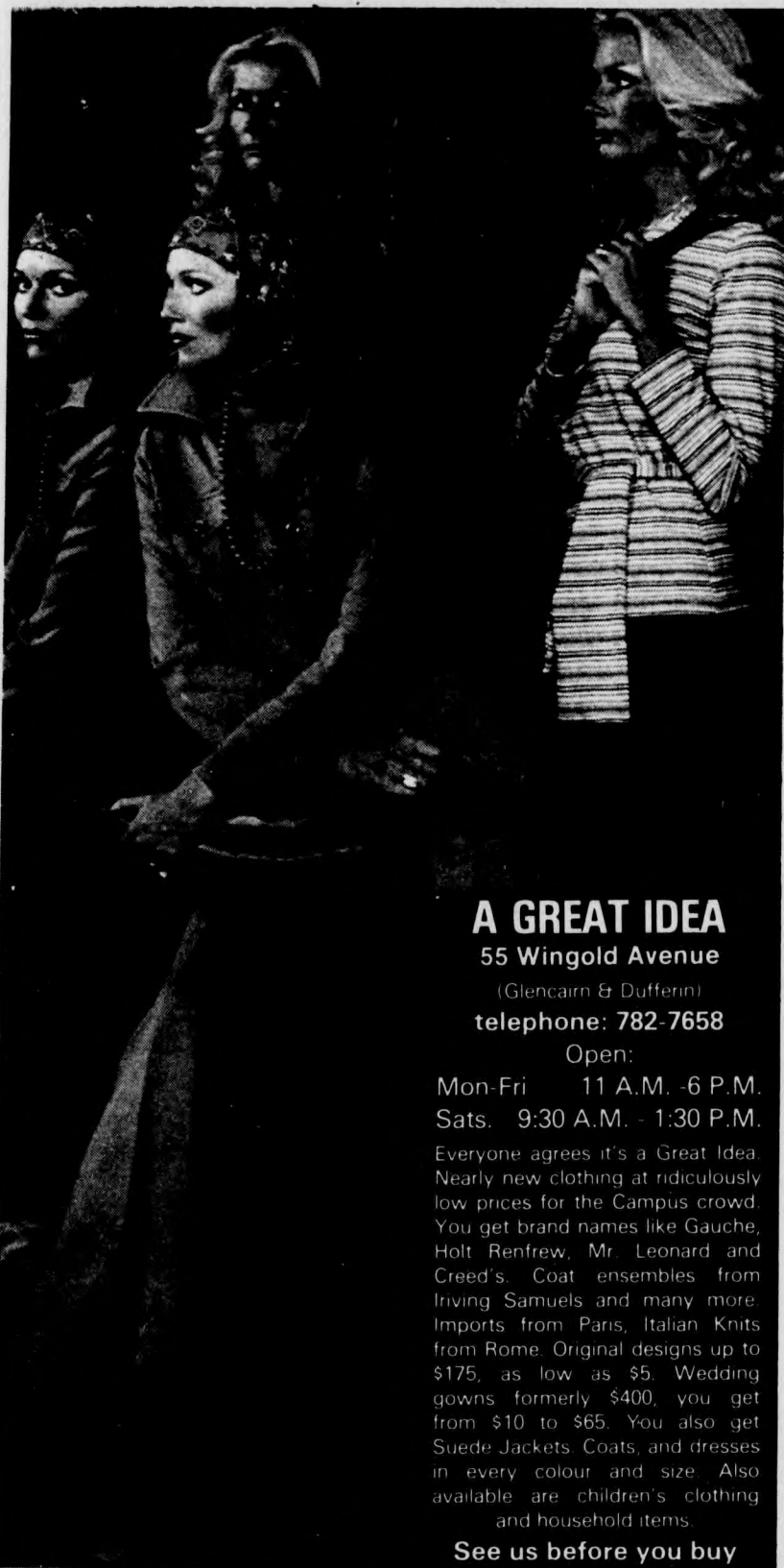
We believe that the task ahead will be one of sex-role liberation for both men and women, and that men talking with men will be a significant step towards this end.

As Harbinger is planning at York for the conference, it will be necessary that applicants register in advance.

Costs range from \$5 to \$15 (depending on financial situation of applicant) and application forms should be mailed to Paul Gronerud, Co-ordinating Committee, Men's Conference, Waterloo, c/o Department of Psychology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

There will be an information guide to Waterloo available at registration, and if you need transportation, contact us at Harbinger and we shall try to arrange round-trip transportation.

An attempt to provide a banquet and a corn roast at Waterloo will also be made, and if everything comes off well, no-one will starve.



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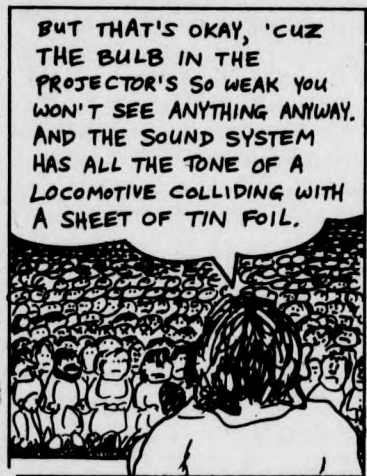
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