

Cynic-at-large

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"There is strength in numbers," reads the old cliché, yet these numbers can encourage weaknesses in individual behavior, when the unspoken motto is "Conform." Conformity for its own sake is a dangerous situation, especially for those standing in the cliques line of fire. A group of loyal disco fans decided to defend their worthwhile cause by throwing ice cubes at a couple dancing new wave at a recent pub. The merits of this action have escaped n.e., but I am confident the activists could logically justify their motives.

I must have failed to read the latest issue of "Dos and Don'ts for women at social gatherings," published annually by a self-taught elite of grade-school dropouts studying at Bucks Tavern in Yellowknife, NWT. Their latest code must apparently forbid in strictest terms a woman from asking a man to dance. However if you desire comic relief, pop said question to observe the look of petrified shock on the man's face.

I have noticed that the latest in contemporary jargon is labelling groups of people with food-related names. A popular example is "Fruits." Those using such terminology must therefore consider themselves vegetables. We cannot ignore the third food group; those lucky enough to be tagged "pieces of meat." The use of such language clearly defines parameters of social acceptance.

I have yet to identify a mysterious, illusive group known as "Newfies," but through reference sources as upstanding as comic books and word of mouth I gather they are social misfits who perform every task bass-ackwards. However, this is a contradiction in itself, as such behavior is in perfect conformity with that of a large percentage of other students.

It seems obvious that a female wishing to conform to the social scene at UNB must dance disco only when asked, as any piece of meat would do, stimulating conversation with Newfied jokes and taunts about fruits. A word of warning to those who would rather reform than conform: it's a long walk up the campus hill.



The week of September 28 - October 4 was declared Big Brother/Big Sister Week in New Brunswick. Shown here as the Premier made the official declaration are: Left to Right - Premier Richard B. Hatfield, Jeanette Cosgrove, Secretary to the Board, Saint John Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Charles LeBlanc, Caseworker, Moncton Big Brothers and Big Sisters, David Olive, Board of Directors of Fredericton Big Brothers, and Michael J. Howorth, Executive Director, Big Brothers, Fredericton.

Big Brother Week on the go

This week (September 28 - October 4) is Big Brother Week in Fredericton. Our local association, along with Big Brother/Big Sister agencies in other New Brunswick centres, is making a special effort to inform the public about its services and to attract men in the Fredericton-Oromocto area to volunteer as Big Brothers. Premier Richard B. Hatfield has declared Big Brother/Big Sister

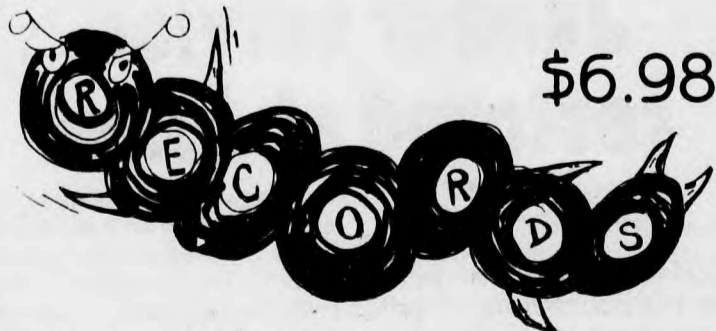
Week in New Brunswick. Local Executive Director, Michael Howorth, is hoping that a number of people will take advantage of the opportunity to get more information and to consider being involved. "We have a really serious need in Fredericton right now" said Howorth. "There are some 30 boys waiting for Big Brothers and we feel that every one of them is important."

The Big Brother Association hopes to be able to locate new Big Brothers for all of the children in Fredericton who are waiting. If you are interested in volunteering, or simply in obtaining more information about the agency, please call 454-9049 or drop into the Big Brother's office in the Victoria Health Centre, Woodstock Road.

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