

More letters

Ralph has it backwards, says future date

Re: Ralph Ashford's article last week's issue.

So typical of all male chauvinist pigs, unaware of your condition, you have again put the cart before the horse.

Liberated women require liberated men!

When a man has become conditioned to accept gracefully the advances of women; when he stops apologizing all night because she has used her money; when he stops backseat driving in her car (and I said "her" car, you male chauvinist — women can own cars, too!) when he stops quivering in his pants when she has led him to the bedroom and, ultimately, when he can wake up the next morning content instead of frightened that his masculinity has been impaired, then and not until should women consider such aggressive tactics.

And I, unfortunately, one of those phantasied liberated women of yours (complete with car, money and all) am totally exasperated frustrated and yes, even angered, at just such supposedly-liberated men as you.

Therefore, Ralph Ashford, I challenge you! I'm not afraid of rejection! Will you go out with me?
Carolyn Scrivner

Ashford shows lack of insight

By suggesting that men and women exchange the roles they are presently conditioned to act out in last week's article, Women must discard sex roles, seduce men, Ralph Ashford displays a not-surprisingly naive lack of insight into the

problem of woman's exploited social status.

Instead of playing the numbskull attitude taken to its humorous hilt, Ashford gives himself away in the last two paragraphs with "...but I assure you the problem is real", and "if you wish to equalize the sexes, then it's as good a project as any."

This is where he makes his big mistake. By attempting to express his sincerity and belief that his stereotype-turned-around suggestions are serious, your columnist "exposes" himself at least as a shallow thinker, if not a downright male chauvinist hiding behind a snickering, mocking bunch of words.

The tone of the piece is decidedly anti-female, right from the constant use of the word "girl" to signify woman, to the suggestions that these "girls" should get just as socially screwed as the men have been up till

now by having to "buy the tickets, pay admission and buy all drinks" and then playing the villain by making the man into a sex object.

The only positive thing I can say about this article is that the basic premise (women should take the initiative in establishing relationships, whether sexual or not) is, of course, one of the logical steps in a woman's exploration of herself as a free functioning member of the society in which she lives.

I thought everyone knew by now that at the core of the women's liberation movement lies an active philosophy of freedom for all persons from the choking strangleholds of presumed sex roles, the consequences of which we all suffer — whether we are aware of it or not.

Everybody has the right to his or her opinion, but surely this sort of non-progressive, depressing article could be kept at a minimum length and perhaps run in the form of a letter to the editor. This undeveloped adolescent stream-of-consciousness has no place as a 5-column article in a student newspaper on a fairly liberalized and experimental campus such as York.

Ellen Dechèsne

may seem fun for awhile, eventually it will become unpleasant to become only an object. Although it may seem inconceivable, men would get just as fed up as women with being used for their bodies.

I would suggest that to equalize the sexes, roles will have to be made equal, not reversed.

Heidi Greenfield

Dunn displays lack of concern

York's safety and security director George Dunn's remark "But we can't pick and choose what police should and should not do, reflects stunning indifference to the people who make this campus their home and who expect privacy.

Mr. Campbell indicates that if the police in question had done otherwise they might have put themselves in jeopardy. It seems to be perfectly legal for the police to enter a private residence, without a search warrant, "as long as they have a strong suspicion that an indictable offence is going on".

Clearly a lot of power is at the discretion of the police. York University is private property and someone a hell of a lot more responsible than George Dunn should be informed before they take "independent action". Inept internal security is no excuse for calling in outside agencies to maintain order.

If York's security is inadequate, then it should be increased, but to invite police on campus is to give resident students a "fishbowl" perception of personal privacy; this is a university campus, not a public park.

Dunn describes the incident as "an unfortunate thing." From Dunn's other statements I can only assume that he is upset at the public relations rift that might come about if his police buddies are criticized by the York community. I bitterly resent Dunn's callous lack of concern and respect for the privacy of the students who make this campus their home.

Dan Johnson
Faculty of Fine Arts

Stub the Cowdog bullies cattle

As a special service to readers who are hard at work on term-papers, Excalibur provides the following sampling of CBC programme synopses for the months of November and December.

This is what you are missing (reprinted word for word from the CBC-TV press releases):

A violent argument in the Peyton mansion turns into a tragedy. Steven drowns his sorrows at the tavern.

Leslie phones Ada.

An aboriginal boy with exceptional talent as a painter is being trained by a greedy guardian to be a jockey.

A dispirited Steven finds his resistance to Adrienne fading. Peyton asks Lee Webber to spy on Eddie. Norman is treated for a cracked rib.

Danny's overpowering urge to punch Gloria Hickey in the arm is correctly diagnosed by his mother as first love.

Stub, Best Cow Dog in the West — The adventures of an Australian sheep dog that herds western cattle, performs in rodeos and makes a daring rescue of a drowning boy.

Aunt Bird decides to nap in Mr. Dressup's house while Mr. Dressup gives Casey's tree a hair cut.

Gus Calhoun's natural animosity toward Relic accelerates into a furious rivalry as the two slug it out in a fierce air-sea battle between their radio-controlled giant model planes, with each determined to be "king o' the skies".
Don't touch that dial.



Danny and Gloria Hickey have it out while Aunt Bird listens, disguised as an American Forces officer. Norman's cracked rib is buried under the steps.

On Campus

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon - Guest Speaker (Transport Centre) Robert G. Pringle, Manager, Costing Services, Canadian National Railways - 033, Administrative Studies Building
12 noon - Lunch-Hour Critic (English Department) H. Ian Macdonald, President of the University, will speak on "Some Literary Interests of a Preoccupied Administrator" - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

4 p.m. - Guest Lecturer (Mathematics) Professor David Mezler, from the University of Jerusalem, currently a visiting professor at the University of Toronto, will deliver a lecture entitled, "Limit Distributions for the Maximal Term of a Variational Series" - this should be accessible to non-specialists - S174, Ross

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O. - Innovative Approaches to the Helping Relationship (Centre for Continuing Education) "Movement Alchemy" by Ruth Bernard - admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107, Stedman

Friday, 10 a.m. - Guest Speaker (Natural Science Division) Mr. Gordon L. Sutin will talk about "The Hamilton Solid Waste Recovery Unit" - D, Stedman

1 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Natural Science Division) Mr. Gordon L. Sutin will talk about "The Hamilton Solid Waste Recovery Unit" - L, Curtis

Tuesday, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. E.G.O. - Parapsychology & Frontiers of the Mind (Centre for Continuing Education) "Hypnosis" by Howard Eisenberg - admission \$5; \$3.50 for students - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

Wednesday, 12 noon - York Poetry Series (English, Humanities Division, Faculty of Fine Arts) with Sid Marty, author of *Headwaters* - Faculty Lounge (S869), Ross

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) William Peter Blatty's "The Exorcist" - admission \$1.75 (with University identification) - L, Curtis

4 p.m. - Film (Natural Science Division) "Music of the

Spheres" ("The Ascent of Man" series) - L, Curtis

4 p.m. - 5:46 p.m. - Film (Humanities 376) "Rules of the Game" - I, Curtis

7:30 p.m. - Play (Theatre) a performance of Eric Nicol's new play in progress, "The Citizens of Calais"; there will be a discussion with Mr. Nicol after the performance - free admission - Burton Auditorium

9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - Cabaret Theatre - This week the Cabaret sends up Love (featuring Lovers and Other Strangers) and Doctors (Marcus Melo, M.D.), plus Claude Fortin - free admission and licensed - Open End Coffee Shop, Vanier

Friday, 4 p.m. - Play (Theatre) a performance of Eric Nicol's new play in progress. "The Citizens of Calais"; there will be a discussion with Mr. Nicol after the performance - free admission - Burton Auditorium

8:30 p.m. - Play - See listing at 4 p.m.

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) "The Exorcist" - admission \$1.75 (with university identification) - L, Curtis

9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - Cabaret Theatre - See Thursday's listing at 9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) See Friday's listing at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) See Friday's listing at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, 12 noon - Film (Humanities 174A) "Samuel Beckett" - A, Curtis

3 p.m. - Film (Natural Science Division) "The Majestic Clockwork" ("The Ascent of Man" series) - L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) See Friday's listing at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4 p.m. - 5:46 p.m. - Films (Humanities 181A) "A Propaganda Message", "Instant French" and "L'Acadie, L'Acadie" - I, Curtis

Wednesday, 2 p.m. - Italian Film (Italian Club) "Salvatore Giuliano" - N203, Ross

4:15 p.m. - Film (Humanities 373) "The Blue Angel" (1930; Sternberg) - 204, York Hall, Glendon.

Men would tire of sex role too

I would like to comment on the rather humorous article on women's sex roles in the November 21 issue. Although Ralph Ashford claims that women are not quite so liberated as to ask men out, he claims their liberated woman, then I am going to the present male role.

If that is what it means to be a liberated woman, then I am going to advocate strongly against it. How liberated can a woman be if she just assumes the role of the oppressor?

I believe that it ought to be perfectly acceptable for a woman to ask a man out. I also believe it would be a good idea, regardless of who asked whom out, to split the cost of the evening.

Neither men nor women should be regarded as sex objects. While it

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 noon - 1 p.m. - Y.U.S.A. - general meeting - Moot Courtroom, Osgoode.

1 p.m. - Ontology Club - "Creative Self-Expression" - Life is born in the moment when you're connected with its source - S174, Ross

Monday, 7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - Christian Science Organization - S501, Ross

SPORTS, RECREATION

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - British Sub Aqua - 110, Curtis

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday 5 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - Father Tannam will be conducting Mass regularly on Thursdays in his apartment - 104, 8 Assiniboine Road (Graduate Residence)

Saturday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Bake Sale and Rummage Sale (York University Cooperative Day Care Centre) Ground Floor, Atkinson College Residence

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - for appointment call Chaplain Judt at 661-5157 or 633-2158

5:30 p.m. - Student Served Dinners - each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Winters Dining Hall

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House - 013, Winter (2439)

Ainger Coffee Shop - Atkinson College (3544)

Argh Coffee Shop - 051, McLaughlin (3506)

Comeback Inn - 2nd floor, Phase II, Atkinson (2489)

Cock & Bull Coffee Shop - 023, Founders (3667)

Just Another Coffee Shop - 112, Bethune (3579)

Open End Coffee Shop - 004, Vanier (6386)

Orange Snail Coffee Shop - 107, Stong (3587)

Osgoode Pub - JCR, Osgoode (3019)