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## Womens Lib and homophiles get together

By SHELLI HUNTER

The Glendon Women's Liberation Group met for a discussion with members of the York and University of Toronto Homophile Associations last Wednesday to discuss parallels between the struggles of the two groups.

Bob Wylie, representing the York Homophile Association opened the discussion by reading the YUHA constitution.

The main function of the constitution is to present all facets of homosexuality and to establish connections between the different sexual groups. Wylie stated that Gay Liberation aims to combat stereotypes and institutional segregation.

Members of the women's group also felt that myths about feminists had to be dispelled. Sally McBeth stated that most people conceive of feminists as blue-jeaned, sloppy girls who use no makeup. She felt that this was an incorrect assessment of the women involved in the movement.

Both groups agreed that all social roles must be eliminated. Not only women but men must be liberated. It was pointed out that each sexual group has its restrictions. A member of the U of T Homophile Association commented that heterosexual men feel

that they must be attracted to heterosexual women and vice

McBeth asked the women of the U of T Homophile Association if they agreed with Ti-Grace Atkinson and Kate Millets' assertions that lesbianism is a way of combating male chauvinism. The girls felt that this assumption was incorrect as homosexuality is a social rather than economic phenomenon. The problem of women's liberation can be classified as both a social and economic phenomenon.

Naomi Lyons commented that because of a homophile's sexual leanings, he or she is denied the right to be a human being.

Another spokesman disagreed and stated that "you aren't denied to be a human being as long as you don't let on that you are homosexual. There are two worlds for a homosexual — heterosexual and homosexual and they never cross."

He later commented, "We are born sexual beings, neither homosexual or heterosexual. Whatever part if strongest is the one developed and the other is suppressed. Heterosexual males suffer from the fear of developing close relationships with other men

because they fear homosexuality."

McBeth felt that the crux of the problem is our sexually uptight

problem is our sexually uptight society and before any changes can be made social structures must be broken.

Peter Tesky noted, "Its very difficult to liberate one group if everyone doesn't see everyone else as people. . ."

This discussion was entitled Alternatives to Heterosexuality and was the first in a series of seminars to be held by the Womens Lib Group of Glendon. Other topics will include the Welfare Woman and the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

## Vanier to encounter Canada

Encounter Canada will take over Vanier College during the weekend of February 5 and 6. Sponsored by the Vanier College Council, organizers "intend to look for a number of themes running through our history and our culture, and to create a number of environments around these themes."

Organizers state "If we are to man the barricades to save Canada, we must first know what it is that we are to save. And we must also decide if it is worth saving"

is that we are to save. And we must also decide if it is worth saving." Events will include a film programme, a reading-week trip to Moosonee on the Polar Bear Express, an 1870 style dinner, folk singers, pie-eating contests, and readings by famous Canadian writers.

The list of speakers lined up for the event should attract anyone concerned with the future and the past of this country.

Among the guests will be W.O. Mitchess, Canadian author; Ramsay Cook and Jack Granatstein, well-known York historians; John Bassett, publisher of the Toronto Telegram; Robin Matthews, English professor from

Carleton University and an outspoken Canadian nationalist; William Dennison, Mayor of Toronto; Albert Campbell, Chairman of Metro Council; Jack McClelland, Toronto publisher (McClelland and Stewart) and one of the founding members of the Committee for an Independent Canada (CIC).

Other speakers whose committments have not yet been confirmed include John Robarts, Prime Minister of Ontario, and Roland Michener, Governor-General of Canada.

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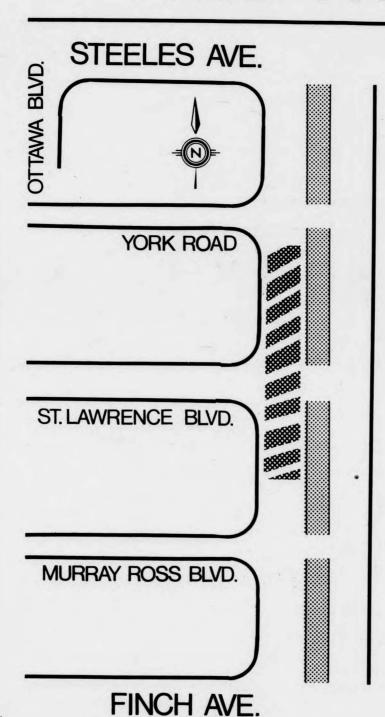
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# DETOUR ON KEELE ST. THIS WEEKEND



A watermain is being installed by the Borough of North York on the west side of Keele Street, commencing south of York Road, and crossing the University main entrance at St. Lawrence Boulevard.

In order to reduce dislocation of University traffic to a minimum work at St. Lawrence Boulevard has been scheduled to begin on Saturday morning, January 30th and to continue through Sunday, January 31st. On these two dates there will be no access to the University by the main entrance, and those persons normally using this entrance are advised to enter by way of York Road, Murray Ross Parkway or via Steeles Avenue.

Depending on weather and progress of the work some restrictions to traffic may continue through the week of February 1st to 5th and motorists are advised to be prepared to use the alternative entrances designated above.

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