

City being attacked by nudity?

Political observers say New Brunswick, and the capital city in particular, is being attacked by a wave of public nudity.

Striking was a fad four years ago on the campus, but they say the latest wave is of a much more debilitating nature to the morals than the naked people running the streets of the past.

Although the issue has been taken up by a local newspaper, some people are quite unconcerned.

The newspapers editorializing on the Theatre of New Brunswick play, "Equus," and its seven minute nude scene, has attracted both supporters and opponents.

A Saint John minister challenged publicly anyone to debate him on the issue of public nudity. The challenge was accepted by a Fredericton resident who phoned

a call-in show on a local radio station. However, there has been no word as to whether or not the challenge was accepted.

Canadian Human Rights Commissioner R. Gordon Fairweather accused the Saint John Newspaper in a recent speech in Fredericton of "pandering to evil," and said he wished the newspaper would "get off Walter Learning's Back."

"The people of Fredericton can handle Equus", the commissioner said.

However, of late there have been incidences bringing to question whether or not, indeed, the people of Fredericton can "handle Equus".

The Brunswickan has already reported that the engineers are continuing the Lady Godiva tradition of paying a female

student to ride around campus with face covered and chest bared.

There was also allegedly an incident at a local beverage room where the band removed their clothes and literally cleared the house. Now, there is a new variation on an old board game on the market in a Fredericton store called "Strip Checkers."

With the increase of male and female students living in the same apartments over the past few years, some observers say the wave of nudity is part of the general decline of morals in late years, and a breakdown of moral discipline which would normally prevent males and females from seeing each other in nothing more than the skin they were born with.

"People have lost their sense of shame," one observer mourned. "Only people with no sense of shame and rigid uprighteousness could watch such a performance without cracking a smile, without getting very pornographic, obscene, filthy notions."

To illustrate his point, he noted the large number of letters to the editor of the Saint John newspaper actually defending the play and saying the play was done with "great taste."

He further drew attention to the recent radio show, where listeners were asked to phone in and state their stand on the issue. It was interesting to note that Frederictonians were generally behind Learning and TNB, and opposed the Saint John newspaper. All opponents to the play were from outside the capital city.

He suggested that the people of Fredericton got more exposure to TNB and therefore their moral degeneration had reached a higher degree. He noted one letter to the editor stating Fredericton's "role in the horse manure."

TRAVEL TALK

by Brenda Johnston

I PROMISED to tell you where I was last week and here it is.

While you were feeling the first flakes of winter my feet were getting dusty in sunny ARIZONA.

My recent Familiarization Trip to Arizona was made possible by the excellent flight arrangements of American Airlines and the most accommodating services of The Wickenburg Inn, in Wickenburg, ARIZONA . . . who goes to Arizona? Plenty of people do . . . anyone who goes will want to go back.

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Listen on headphones as the control tower gives take-off and landing clearance. The flight attendants lost no time in distributing pillows, magazines and headphone sets. Enroute the captain pointed out several points of interest and even spotted trails that the wagon trains once followed on their treks out west. I expected John Wayne to come riding out of the foothills any moment. My western daydreams were soon interrupted as we began our decent into smoggy Phoenix. Fortunately we were soon whisked away to our Ranch Resort 60 miles outside the city, and it is here that your Arizona Holiday really begins.

In all fairness to The Wickenburg Inn and the generosity of the Brunswickan I will use next week's column to tell you about, horseback riding, western cookouts, bug patrol, fantastic people and the great facilities at this Ranch Resort.

A reminder to people travelling at Christmas. Many have been asked to purchase their tickets by November 28 . . . if you are one of these people please do so.

If you don't have reservations yet . . . get in here and get them made as soon as possible.

Defoliant cause of cancer


Herbicides used in our national parks for timber management have been fingered as cancer-producing agents for some time. Now Dow Chemical, a major manufacturer of the defoliant (TCDD), has been hauled into court for the first alleged death caused by that product.

William Shoecraft of Globe, Arizona has filed a \$25 million (dollar) suit against Dow, holding the company responsible for the cancer that killed his wife earlier this year. Mrs. Shoecraft apparent-

ly was caught twice in TCDD sprays drifting from the nearby Tonto National Forest.

A doctor specializing in nutrition will testify that traces of TCDD were found in Mrs. Shoecraft's blood and tissue, and that large doses such as she received can severely harm humans.

Other residents living near spray sites complain of headaches, back pains, nausea, skin rashes, and burning eyes and lips. (Newscrip)



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'Pseudo-sexual' Rapists not sex maniacs

A recent report, published this month by the American Journal of Psychiatry, says it's a mistake to think men rape out of sexual need. Some rapists get no sexual satisfaction from the crime whatsoever. They rape to express anger or gain power.

A team of Boston College researchers, headed by Dr. A. Nicholas Groth, studied 133 convicted rapists and 92 rape victims to come up with their findings. And according to Dr. Groth, "Rape is a pseudo-sexual act . . . that is concerned much more with status, aggression, control and dominance than with . . . sexual satisfaction."

Dr. Groth says there's two kinds of rapists - the angry rapist and the power rapist. The power rapist seeks to control his victims through physical force. He's usually triggered into action when he feels insecure or threatened by female.

The angry rapist, on the other hand, attacks so he can express contempt, or hatred for his victim. He's often retaliating for what he sees as rejections from women. But for both types of rapists, Dr. Groth notes, "sex becomes a weapon . . . (to) . . . hurt and degrade (the) victim." (Newscrip)