

# Upbringing and sexual role-playing real enemies of women's liberation

Women's liberation visited the Alberta Association of Students' conference held at Lake Isle this weekend.

But the female delegates, comprised largely of nursing students, chose not to entertain the different attitudes proposed as an alternative to the ones they already hold.

Jeannie McGuire, a liberation movement worker from Winnipeg

told the conference "women as a group are qualitatively and quantitatively oppressed and this oppression is qualitatively and quantitatively different from that of men.

"Women's liberation does not consider man the enemy," Miss McGuire pointed out. "Society, which includes both sexes, is the enemy, and women's liberation is very necessary to implement men's

liberation. Liberation is not for the individual but for the society that imposes the restrictions."

The battle is a tough one to fight. It involves taking a critical and analytical look at how our upbringing has ingrained the notions of male and female roles.

"The way we've been brought up," Miss McGuire said, "means that we make overt and covert discriminations against other people."

These discriminations, which all interlink to form a support for each other, she said, fall into three basic categories: economical, social and sexual.

Women get jobs that most people would quit, they don't get paid for them, and they have little chance for advancement. Society resents a woman who shows she has a mind. "If you have a mind, you're supposed to hide it," she added.

If you do make a slip like that, your sexuality is attacked. "People say to you, 'What are you trying to do? Be a man?' or else if it's a guy you were arguing with, he thinks, 'All right baby, you've won but when I get you on your back, I'm really going to win.'"

The women's liberation movement is trying to introduce an attitude of humanity in place of traditional role-playing. Miss McGuire expressed this as a "refusal to be treated in the way I was once accepted, to be shuffled off as a non-human being."

But, broke in a voice from the back of the room: "This year at Lethbridge, we had a slave auction and the girls really loved it."

"But that's just the point," Miss McGuire countered, "slaves always love being what they're told they want to be."

In accordance with the effort to relate to the women and attempt to establish a more personal communication with them, a women's caucus was organized to be held so she could get the people to relate experiences they all had in common. But many interpreted this to be a confessional instead of a communication, and would not participate.

As well, the influence of the conference was carried over. "The dynamics of the caucus were not really fair," McGuire said, "The nurses were carrying over some of their hostilities from the plenary, where they felt they were being suppressed by the more vocal university element."

But the really disappointing attitude was demonstrated, she said, by the women who declared, "I really like my role and I don't want to change. I like being soft and warm and sweet and kind."

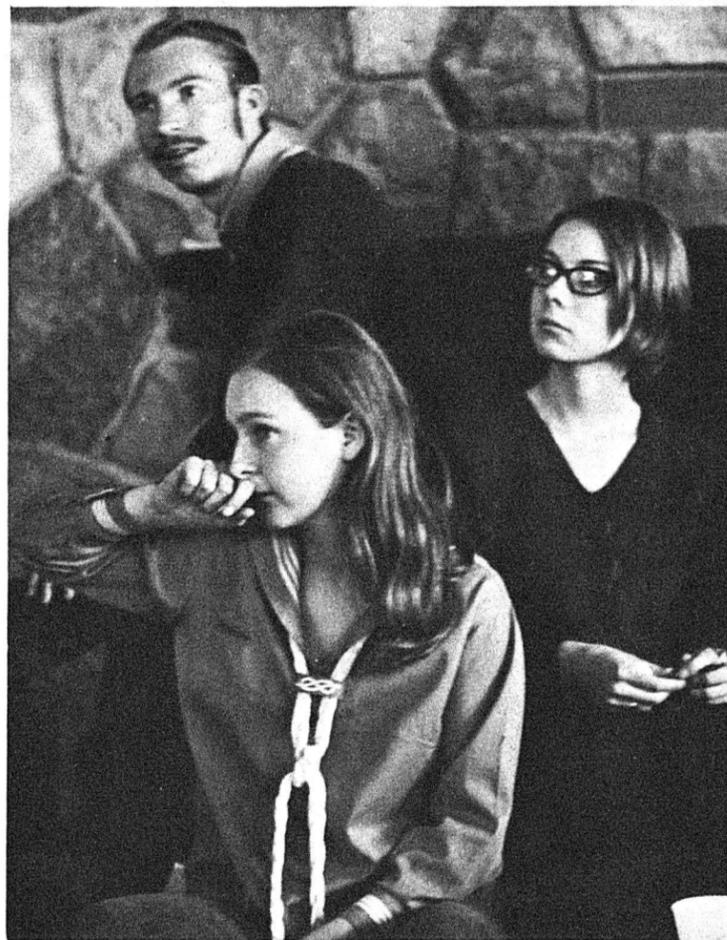
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## Apathy votes in SU reps

By BETH NILSEN

Less than 20 per cent of U of A students voted in the students' council by-election Friday, much to the disgust of the returning officer, Frank MacInnis.

"I think that the turnout was pathetic. I had high hopes, especially with the number of candidates running," he said Monday.

Mr. MacInnis went so far as to order 9,000 ballots for the elections. "It is disgusting, both from my point of view as the returning officer who put a lot of work into this job, and as someone who is interested in the relevance of students' council to the university."

Mr. MacInnis said a by-election can be an adequate illustration of issues and representatives. "It is sad that so few showed up because we got no idea how people felt on any issues or candidates."

However, the candidates were also to blame. "They either did not try hard to campaign, thinking it would be easy to get into office, or they were just doing a bit of political fence sitting to see how things went."

"I don't think that I have seen more than two of the candidates at any council meetings this year. I don't think they know what they're getting into."

He noted there were 100 less voters for the Education representatives than there were for their queen candidates.

The actual voting went as follows: Commerce: Riskin — 189 (winner), Bell — 41, Everett — 38. Engineering: Holt — 170 (winner), McCook — 158. Science: McRae — 234 (winner), Yedlin — 231 (winner), Keates — 152 (winner), Payne — 144, Blair — 122, Ponlin — 43. Arts: Markley — 298 (winner), MacDonald — 213 (winner), Caskenette — 198 (winner), Long — 181, Bouchard — 157, Hancock — 101, Dembicki — 88, Jasper — 62. Education: Askin — 189 (winner), Cebuliak — 159 (winner), Gillman — 159 (winner), Tomlinson — 148 (winner), McLoughlin — 126 (winner), Oberg — 90, Lydiatt — 59 and Galaresu — 54.

The total votes per faculty were: Commerce — 269, Engineering — 329, Science — 395, Arts — 544, Education — 282.

## AAS knocks out policy at conference

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what we are already doing" (mainly using CUS research).

The motion passed with a small majority.

The sensitivity of many delegates to taking any political stands manifested itself in another close vote on a motion that the AAS should examine social issues while keeping in mind that issues of direct interest to students had priority.

Technical and nursing schools said the policy would leave the executive free to speak on too many issues and that only issues of direct concern to students should come under the scrutiny of AAS.

The original motion was defeated in favor of a motion that AAS concentrate on student issues while recognizing the social issues involved.

This small change in wording was seen as necessary by some nursing students because, they said, their administrations "may get really uptight and retaliate

against members of the delegations."

University of Calgary student president Pat Pattison said much of the confusion and disagreement resulted because "many delegations had no idea that anything 'political' would be brought up."

Ray St. Arnaud, a NAIT delegate and unsuccessful candidate for vice-president said "technical and nursing students expected AAS to have everything prepared and didn't know what to do when the onus was suddenly on them."

While Mr. Stein expressed disappointment that members wanted "spoonfeeding," a consensus of student opinion seemed to be that if the first confrontation between technical schools, colleges, and universities, was traumatic, the organization is beginning to face problems that affect all students.

Meanwhile, U of A students' union president David Leadbeater said at the close of the conference that the U of A delegation had successfully avoided dominating the conference as it has in past years.

But he was also disappointed that more student in society resolutions had not been forthcoming.

The conference re-elected Marion Snethlage, U of A, as vice-president.

Elected as secretary was Marjorie Bilton, Red Deer College (nursing) and as treasurer, Jim Delaney (NAIT).

The AAS accepted four new members at the conference.

Delegates from NAIT, the Royal Alexandra Hospital School of Nursing, Grande Prairie, Calgary General Hospital and Edmonton General Hospital, were formally admitted to the AAS Friday.

"We still have many gaps in representation here," said Mr. Stein, "particularly in the field of nursing education."

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