

# ON THE UNIVERSITY RIGHT

FEMINISM LIBERATION FOR WHOM?

by Joseph M.J. Sanlei

Never again will the "proper place" for women be in either the bedroom or the kitchen for the service of men. Men must not believe themselves to be in possession of some sort of divinely ordained right to lord over women, and thereby dominate their lives as one does that of a pet, or worse still, an item of property. The rationale of religious sanction ("The Bible says..."), tradition ("that's the way things have always been"), and all such bull must be used no longer to manipulate human lives. No longer must women, under the guise of "sexual liberation" be mere objects of the lust of men, via Charlie's Angels, Three's Company and the commercial world of advertizing, et cetera. That is not revolution, but rather regression to barbarism, in which women are viewed as bodies devoid of minds and are thereby exploited at every opportunity. A stake must once, and for all time, be driven into the cold heart of sexism, and from sexism's death there must emerge a new, liberated, and more

intelligent view of not only women but men as well.

For too long Feminist Liberation has been thought of as being exclusively in the realm of women. Men, it was believed, had but little or no part to play in the unfolding drama of female equality save that of acceptance, or sadly, rejection, of women on the road to Freedom. The promulgated thought was that if women were to ever advance then women alone had to initiate and execute any and all of those advances. After all, it was reasoned, wasn't that the way in which the right of women's suffrage had been attained? An important understanding had been missed by both men and women, that is that every action taken in any area of the so-called "Women's Movement" will profoundly effect and eternally alter the lives and lifestyles of men, as well as women. Since that day, not long ago, when the person of women was first recognized, en masse, men can never again return to their previous state of supremacy. Amen!!

Thus, with the personhood and equality in humanity of women firmly established it becomes necessary for

men to reconcile their attitudes to this reality. Male attitudes, as well as female feelings of inferiority, that are so antiquated as to predate an understanding of the equality of men and women as reality, must die by choice or be killed by reason of insanity. How many of the attitudes of male supremacy and "chivalry" (which is distinct from courtesy) manage to survive, and even thrive, in sublime stupidity in this supposed age of Reason, one can only wonder in abject disgust. Yet it is important to note that the blame for the survival of these bits of our underdeveloped past must be placed equally upon women, as well as men. Women who accept the actions accorded to "chivalry", such as (dates included) a total dependence upon male finances, and constant concession of the rights to all decisions (major and minor) to the male in a relationship, sell themselves into slavery, and thereby prostitute their whole sex. The assumption of responsibility, by women, financial and otherwise, is a key component of independent

action, self respect and true Liberation.

As was said, there is not one issue of women's liberation, be it reproductive freedom, equality under the Law, freedom from harrassment, or any other article of the multifaceted Liberation Movement, that does not in a profound manner effect men. Men must come to the ultimate realization that Liberation for women is, as women assume the accompanying responsibilities, Liberation for themselves as well. Our society is so constructed as to allow no one real Freedom until all are able to enjoy Freedom's blessings. Freedom denied to anyone is Freedom not available to anyone. So long as a full half of our populace is subjugated by law, or lack of it, and worn-out ideas, the claim of Freedom will, to some extent, remain an illusion. Men must, as of now, assume active roles in the Feminist Liberation Movement, not to lead or to follow, but to accompany their sisters to Freedom! Men of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your male egos!

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

by Sue Parlee

Well, the school year is now in full swing and so are activities at the Barn. The first three Pig and Whistles were a great success. We had a full house for Bop Shoo Bop on Sept. 13, and a good turnout on Sept. 15 for Guinness. Last week's Pig saw "Spice", a band from Halifax. I'm sure a good time was had by all (even if a few of us had to wait in line-ups!)

This year, due to the cost of bands, admission to all Pigs will be \$2.50. I know it sounds expensive, but if you went to some clubs in town you would pay at least that to get in. Here at the Barn you get to see all your friends and have a good time (even if you don't remember!) It's the one big event the Student Union puts on every week, so you should get out and

have a good time and enjoy yourself.

If you're wondering what is playing at the Pig each week, just watch around campus; there's posters up in almost every building. But this does lead to one problem. There are a few light-fingered people who love to take these posters (right, Bertha?) So if everyone could leave them up till after the Pig, everyone would get a chance to see them and know who's playing at the Pig. (After all, how many people will see these posters in your room, Bertha?) Also each week in the SUN the Pigs will be announced.

If anyone would like to help out with the Social Committee, we'd love to have you. I must clear one thing up. The Social Committee is not just for girls as previously thought, so we'd like to

see some guys come out and help. (How's that Chris?) On Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a meeting on 2nd Floor of the Barn. So, if you are interested, please come out to the meeting. The more people, the more

ideas - and that's what we want and need! If you can't make it but want to help, leave your name with

Sue Parlee at the Barn (892-4121, ext. 396) Let's get out and help UPEI have a good social life!

### RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

This program was developed for people who want to improve their social and relationship skills. It is designed for people who are shy, who have difficulty in meeting others and establishing close personal relationships, who lack confidence in themselves, and/or are deficient in the basic relationship skills which the program is designed to teach.

The general goals of the program are to teach basic

relationship and social skills, to help participants feel more comfortable with people and with groups of people, and to improve self-confidence.

The program will begin the week of October 1st and consists of 8 two-hour weekly meetings. Maximum of 10 students.

If interested, contact Jack Blanchard, Department of Student Services, 1st Floor, Main Building.