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You had some good thought about the importance of respect. Well try to give a little of it to the women (and men) known as feminists and women's libbers who are working for and have in the past worked for your rights as a women.

How would you feel if someone told you, you were going to get paid less for the same job a man was doing? How would you feel if you were refused a job you were well qualified for because you were not reliable enough since you might want to stop working and have a family. How would you feel being refused a job simply because you are a woman.

Well, it's likely you won't have to face these situations any more. But, think of the women who did and how they must have felt. Then think about why you don't have to deal with this type of frustration (hopefully) any more.

You confidently state in your letter, "we as women are equal but different". That's a wonderful thought. I too believe in the equality of every person. I truly am happy that your life so far has not disillusioned you about this fundamental right of all people. But, unfortunately I have seen that what is right in theory, does not necessarily get carried out as such in reality.

You asked to hear more from others with ideas concerning your letter. I responded strongly not as a personal attack to you but because of certain strong convictions I feel in response to your statements.

Signed,  
Also a concerned Female student

P.S. I would like to add a quote:

"Stereotypes of women who do not conform to the norms and structures of an ideal type of womanhood have depressingly and customarily depicted them as masculinized, frustrated, bitter, and incomplete. Female society has divided itself, as much as it has been divided into, matrons and old maids, wives and spinsters, mother and the childless, a division

perpetuated as much by women as by men whose contempt for non-conformist and single women is well documented."

Patricia T. Rooke  
Women: Images, Role-models.

Dear Editor,

Recently, a considerable amount of damage from fire extinguishers, approximately \$65,000, was done to the printing room located in the Main building. When this amount of damage is done, I consider it to be very serious. Especially when a person considers who is eventually going to pay for the damage; students. Although covered by insurance, the University's insurance rates will no doubt increase.

What upsets me the most is the way our justice system dealt with the individuals who caused the damage. Basically, the judge accepted the argument that the individuals were too intoxicated and had no idea of where they were when they sprayed the fire extinguishers. The men's lawyer expressed the feeling that, "...[the two] were unlucky enough to have done so (discharge fire extinguishers) in a room full of expensive equipment."

Does this mean that anyone who is intoxicated can be excused from their actions? Could you describe a drunk driver as 'unlucky' when he/she crushes the life out of an innocent victim on a road because it was dark? Being drunk is no excuse!

The two were given a \$5000 fine, 500 hours of community service, and must make a \$35 dollar payment to the Victims of Crime fund. I deliberately save the best for the last; neither of the two will receive a criminal record for their actions. If stealing a \$15 cassette can result in a criminal record, how can causing \$65,000 of damage be excused?

Signed,  
A very concerned, & upset student.