

Editorial

By Lori Anne Heckbert

While leaving the cafeteria last Friday, I noticed a paper thumbtacked to the bulletin board. It was a copy of the infamous Engineer's article, but this time it was titled "Why women are better than some men".

I suspect that the posting of the piece was to some degree spurred by anger and vengeance. It is very easy to lash out in this way, but what can it accomplish? In the final analysis, it only serves to degrade the person who posts it.

As I've said before, sexism is a two-way street. It makes no difference whether it is a man or a woman who perpetuates a sexist stereotype.

Do you believe that the way to combat a stereotype is to avenge

it? I think not. If our society is ever to change, then we must channel our energies in more productive ways. This is a challenge for each of us, as it requires a critical examination of our attitudes and values. Our society is changing, and we

must change with it.

The process of revamping our attitudes cannot take place overnight; many of these beliefs have been a part of our lives for eighteen years or more. What is required of us is that we consider our patterns of thought and behavior, and determine their appropriateness to the age in which we live.

If sexism angers you, then you have a choice to make: the choice is between justice and vengeance. Choose carefully.

Mapus

The Atlantic Regional COPUS conference was held at UPEI Saturday, Nov. 8th. A conference on campus provides a great opportunity to find out what is happening at other universities. Conferences are

stimulating and helpful in ascertaining just where a group fits, what it can and should do, and what is already being achieved. There is a re-affirming of purpose and an identification with visiting

groups who experience the same stumbling blocks and have the same goals.

I was particularly pleased that Professor Barnardinelli and Rob Kelley as guests. It is so important that the faculty understand the unique problems and concerns of the part-time and older than average student, a group that forms a large segment of the student population.

Both the student union and MAPUS recognize that in order to meet the needs of all students on campus, a close understanding and cooperation is of vital importance. I appreciate that both of these people were

interested enough to take time from a busy schedule in order to attend and I thank them on behalf of MAPUS.

Jackie Schoelfield

Poet's Corner

It happened suddenly;
One day we were talking over coffee
The next, he was sick.
I tried to be hopeful,
But I knew there was little chance.
He died soon after;
Better, I suppose
Than being hooked to some machine
Just to lie like a vegetable
In some obscene greenhouse.

Now it's November

And wind whips my face
With icy tendrils
As I walk to school.
I finally arrive
Relieved to be
Out of the cold.

But even hours later,
I am chilled to the bone.

— Kerry Lafferty

To My Friends

Once I wished I had a cloth
to cover the blue sky,
and wished I could have been
as free and fair as a butterfly.
I wished I had a big brick wall
that could cover that sad scene.
But most of all, I wished I was
as happy as you all seemed to me.

My friends, they hid that cloth from me
so I could see the sky.
I felt I lost my greatest friend,
there were no butterflies.
Well, that brick wall was too hard to raise
it pulled me down so deep.
But soon I saw the sadness fade
and joy in the friends I keep.

— Angela Van Dijk

Andy

Today I wandered through mounds
of dead leaves, staring aimlessly at
dead trees, wondering where you
are...

Today I held a crying friend, com-
forting him, sharing his tears of
pain, wondering where you are...

Today I cried alone, not knowing
when to stop, wishing I could say
how you're missed, wondering
where you are...

Today I smiled, remembering your
words when I was down, knowing
how you touched my life, missing
who you are...

Now we're home, friends laughing
again just like we did, not hurting
as much For in our hearts you're
never far.

I miss you friend, Dawn

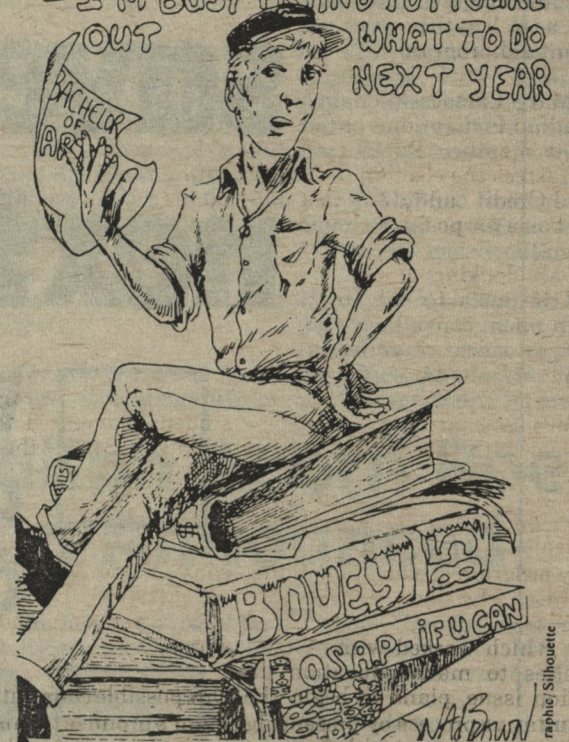
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DON'T LOOK TO ME FOR
BRILLIANT SOCIAL COMMENT
- I'M BUSY TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT WHAT TO DO
NEXT YEAR



Announcing the Third Annual Great Canadian Solar Race

The University of Waterloo is helping to organize the upcoming "Great Canadian Solar Race" to be held on the Victoria Day Weekend, May 16-18, 1987 at Ontario Place, Toronto. This annual event is sponsored by the Solar Energy Society of Canada, Inc. (SESCI) with support from various groups in the solar community.

The one day competition is open to college and university (undergraduate and graduate) students across Canada. There are two separate competitions being planned.

The traditional Thermosyphon event requires the building of a thermosyphon (no pump) solar hot water heating system. Points are awarded for the design, aesthetics, durability, cost and performance. A number of water draws will be made during the course of the day and the highest temperature will determine the best performing system.

The second event is a Photovoltaic (PV) water-pumping competition. The object is to use solar cell panels (supplied by the organizers if enough schools are interested) to pump the largest volume of water from Lake Ontario 27 metres to the roof of one of the buildings at Ontario Place. Points are also awarded for the cost, aesthetics and durability of the system.

Total prizes for the winners will be valued at \$1000 and include memberships in SESCO.

A concurrent high school hot dog cooking contest and PV powered remote-controlled model car race are also being planned.

Interested students can obtain entry forms and information by contacting the University of Waterloo (519) 885-1211 and asking for Evan Jones (extension 3885) or Professor Alfred Brunger (extension 6843) or by writing to The Great Canadian Solar Race, c/o Prof. K.G.T. Hollands, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1.