

Males Comment On International Woman's Year

In view of International Women's Year, a committee has been formed through the Dean of Women's Office, to Focus on Campus Women. This committee, composed of four students and three faculty and administration, has met three times and some very interesting discussion has taken place. Out of the discussion the group decided to find out the male view of some of our campus men and asked their opinion on the following question: What do you think International Women's Year will accomplish? The following are the responses to the question.

do not think that they are the only suffering victims and have to continue to be this way. It will bring women together into a single consciousness of their problems." Chris King

"International Women's Year through its glorification of women who aspire to top posts in business and government degrades traditional roles of women. It suggests that a women can not find self fulfillment as a homemaker." Wade MacLaughlin

"I don't think it will accomplish bugger all. I think it's being over and done and I think they could do it more subtly. Ads on the radio are condescending. People involved in women's lib are not interested in women at all. They are egotists looking for a band wagon, and this happens

giving women a fairer shot at jobs. In other areas, those who unconsciously haven't been taking women seriously as they should, will now begin to. Some men may begin to get their backs up and get picky, particularly employers, because men are not getting equal opportunities in some jobs. Jobs will not be glorified any more but positions will be made more available." Dennis Clough

"Absolutely nothing." Karl Curley

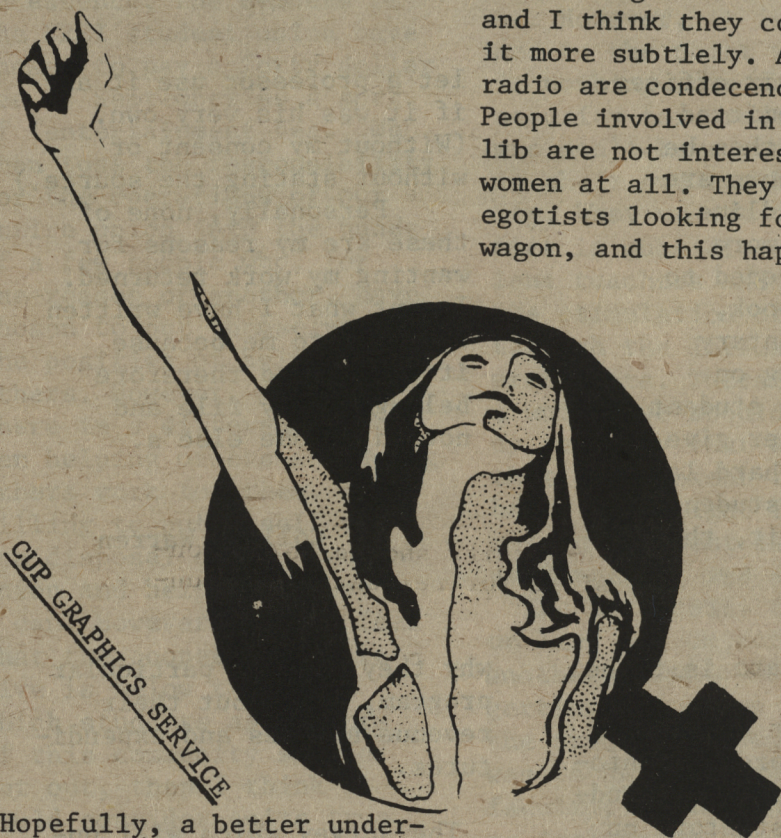
"It will satisfy the needs of a group of women who feel it's very important to be constantly stating the cause for which they feel is the oppression of women. I don't think that the average Canadian women is overly concerned about their status in society." Ian Glass

"It will re-emphasize the tremendous awareness of the role women can play in society as has been developing over the past several years." Joe Revell

"It will bring attention to how women are being treated unfairly, being degraded and hopefully alleviate the problems they are experiencing particularly in the area of marriage and divorce where women often come out on the raw end of the deal." Bing Gallant



"Those that are already involved will perpetuate the causes for which they are already persuing and not necessarily will the numbers increase." George Mitchell



"Hopefully, a better understanding of women's right to choose her own role in society without discrimination and equal 'footing' with her male counterpart. Practically, it will take more than one year to accomplish this." Joe Power

to be a good one to be on. We are being "over-killed" by Women's Lib." Walter Isnor

"I think it's going to pressure some areas into

Notes From CUP On IWY

NDP leader, Ed Broadbent, said that IWY consists too much of slick advertising campaigns and slogans but almost not at all of development of Women's Groups and research into possible methods of bringing about equality.

Meanwhile an Edmonton Conference of Women's Groups refused to accept any funds from government until the abortion law was changed and the IWY slogan "Why Not" which they claimed is sexist and discriminatory. Said a spokesperson of the group "You do not solicit support from the enemy. Too long have opposing groups been co-opted by the federal government. As long as itc

continues to be anti-equality then we refuse to have anything to do with it.

Liberal women MP's echoed that group's sentiments saying in part that the IWY slogan is "Bloody degrading" and Lalonde has been misled into endorsing the button by his office "full of surrogate wives". All are refusing to wear the button.

To this our PM replied in his usual incisive and penetrating manner "That's the problem with ladies - they bitch after the fact" He refused to comment on why he doesn't wear the button nor to answer the MP's criticisms.

Meanwhile, in a contin-

"I don't think it will accomplish very much. I don't think we should have had an International Woman's Year because it's putting all the eggs in one basket and will be a token representation when the year is finished. People will be happy to see International Women's Year end because of the focus on one group of people in the attitude should be changed but focusing on women in particular will defeat the purpose." Gordon Campbell

"It will make women aware there is an outlet for support where problems can be aired. If a women is getting unjustly treated, through International Woman's Year and avenue can be created to express and act upon grievances so that women

using effort in official circles to assure equality of women Jeanne Sauve, Federal Minister of the Environment, said "refusing abortion is not a discriminatory law", explaining that the majority of the nation was against legalized abortion (despite an Ottawa Journal survey which showed a majority of Canadians as desiring the removal of abortion from the criminal code).

Then too, the government has implemented about one-third of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women and has two women

ministers (out of thirty). Things are happening.