

heard? Are heterosexuals incapable of voicing an articulate opinion about the nature of their orientation? Is there not a need for a balance in the presentation of these issues as well? Is there some particular reason why Christianity alone must give place to opposing ideas, and not these perspectives as well?

Why is it, then, that radical feminism and homosexuality advocates seem to fear the presentation of anything but what supports them? Why do they demand the removal of any dissenting or differing opinions (such as the recent furor over the Backlash)? Why do not the free speech advocates petition for the right of conservative ideology, right-wing politics, or the "politically incorrect" to present their side of the issue? Why must it be only one side that gets petitioned to stop? It is most interesting to see the contradiction in the advocacy of free speech -- you can say what you like, as long as you agree with the politically correct agenda. Freedom of speech requires that the rights of pornographers to peddle their wares cannot be curtailed (despite the involvement of pornography in 99% of rape cases); yet it offers no support to people who wish to study science from the perspective of creationism. I believe that pluralism is not a threat to the truth -- unless pluralism is used as a smokescreen for politically correct censorship.

Dear Editor;

If being a feminist means fighting against pay inequity, discrimination, sexual harassment or family violence; then I am one. I'm not afraid to say it. But can't a man fight against them too? Are women the only ones that can understand and fight these kind of issues? I believe not. They are social problems that should be solved by women and men together.

Also I wanted to point out that, although Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hanus have suggested feminism is the only problem on campus, I feel there are other problems. I strongly believe that men should also have the freedom to criticize the way our feminist's goals are achieved. The "Backlash" is not hate literature to me. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hanus raise good questions. Sometimes I agree with them, sometimes I don't; but the fact remains that they say out loud what many think silently. Should we crush them down for doing so? Should we close our eyes and pretend there is nothing wrong? All the time spent on arguing that they were writing hate literature should have been used by Ms. Jelliffe and others (who I believe are quite knowledgeable on the subject) to refute the

arguments of the Backlash and teach the UPEI students what is the feminist point of view on the issues treated (such as affirmative action for example). On the other hand, if being a feminist means being against everything men had done on their own in the past and trying to submit them to a woman's view of the society, then I'm not part of it. I'm sorry for those believing that all women are in the same boat. It is true that men's up-bringing in philosophy, sociology, or any science has been emphasized in the past but does that mean that all they said was wrong? No, we have to scrap it to give place to a woman's approach? No. Both should be taught on the same level. Do we always have to confront the women and men's beliefs? Aren't they supposed to be complementary?

Julie, Wendy, Andrew

To: The way it should be

I would like to respond to your letter in the March 19th issue of the "X-Press". When I first read it I thought it was a joke but I decided to respond anyway just in case you were serious.

First, there is no such thing as pro-abortion; some feminists are pro-choice which means that they support the choice to have an abortion. This is a completely different issue which shouldn't be cited in your letter about feminists as the two issues do not go hand in hand. A lot of feminists would not have abortions themselves (it is a very painful experience) but simply want the choice for all women.

Secondly, what does "being married to the man you love" have to do with serving his meals on time, cleaning their house, and servicing him in bed"? We live in the 90's and marriage is a partnership where both people give equally. Feminists are not "anti-family" but only want to be treated equally and enjoy equal opportunities. We do not want all of the problems, just some of it! I'll agree that the truth sometimes hurts so maybe you should open your eyes and mind and take a good look around you. (I don't know what you would call someone you "love and respect" a