

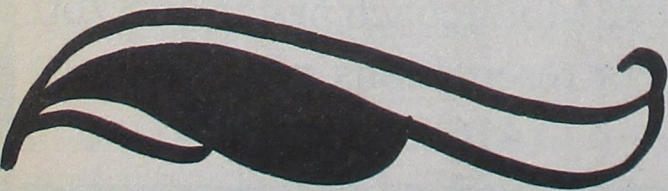
be pretty weak if they let a group like the Feminists dictate whether they should get married or not! People are still getting married, they are just waiting until later in life to do so. I believe this is actually a progressive step, not a detrimental one. By waiting until later in life, when their careers are established, and each of them have a better idea about their life directions, there is likely to be less stress in the marriage. Because the two people have already set themselves more or less in the desired directions, they have more time to devote to thinking about the relationship and each other.

Feminism is not going to make women stop getting married. If a woman is so inclined to be by herself, who had the right to tell her otherwise? It is her life, let her live it the way she wants to. "The Way It Should Be" is right in one respect, however, "most women would love to be married to a man they love," but he must love her just as much and realize that she is a whole person with her own thoughts, feelings and opinions. If this is overlooked because he wants her to stay home to cook his meals and sacrifice her life and happiness for his, then the marriage is not going to be a happy one.

Feminists, as a group, do not have chips in their shoulders. They are only claiming what is rightfully theirs, the right to choose, their own opinions, education, careers, equal pay and the opportunity to succeed at what they want to do. Not all women make good homemakers, and so some are not good business women. However, those who are should be given the chance to prove themselves. Think of what we would be missing if women like Candice Bergen, Linda Hamilton, Annie Lennox and Lee Aaron had stayed "in the kitchen". It is not degrading for a woman to take care of her children, husband and home, but it is a big deal if she is denying her own happiness to do it.

So, to "The Way It Should Be", we don't want all the power, just equal power, and help with the housework. After all, didn't your mother ever teach you to share?

Caroline Ives



Dear Editor,

I would like to clarify a few misunderstandings about my recent "Ask the Doctor" article which appeared in the March 26 issue of The X-Press. Firstly, I would like to say that I am not changing my opinions of feminism on the campus of UPEI. They still hold true for me, however, I would sincerely welcome any arguments to alter my thoughts constructively (unfortunately, with the response to my article, my previous ideas have only been re-inforced).

Secondly, I would like to say that I think many people, especially Libby Whelan, took this article in the wrong way and out of context. It was far from a personal attack on Libby Whelan (I have never even met her) but rather a commentary on the way that feminism has made its debut on campus. I did not approve of the censorship pressures placed on "The Backlash" by Libby, as they would open the door for other forms of censorship on campus. I do not approve of censorship, do you? I would also like to say that I did not call Libby "an annoying strumpet". I simply stated that I would sign a petition IF an annoying strumpet was breathing down my neck. Nowhere did I mean in any way for this to apply to Libby and if she has taken it this way I would like to apologize for this misunderstanding. Regarding the letter from Nadine De Wolfe in last week's issue, I had not intended to actually throw any snowballs at anyone, especially Libby Whelan, the idea was a demonstration of my views on The Guardian's quote from Vaughn Jelliffe.

I was hoping that this article would promote some intelligent thinking, some action towards finding a middle ground and some clarification of what it is that our campus' feminist movement stands for. Unfortunately, I was reprimanded by the Student Union, misunderstood by most of the campus and asked to write a retraction (which this is not). I was also asked to print my name and acknowledge that my ideas were wrong. In my eyes I have done nothing but share my views, you may take them or leave them. I was led to believe that a school newspaper was the only true place where a student could speak freely. Where is the academic freedom that we have been promised on page 3 of the UPEI Calendar as a part of the university's missions and goals: "7. To preserve the freedom of intellectual inquiry." That is what I was doing with my article, so why was I allowed to be oppressed by the Student Union with respect to my article? I had really hoped that I would be able to open the machine's mind to an awareness of what its