

Prominent feminist declares feminism dead

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Feminism is dead. Though UBC's Centre for Gender Relations and Women's Studies has been operating for only one year, we now have found overwhelming evidence that patriarchy has ceased functioning. In fact, we are entering matriarchal times.

However, despite our evidence, UBC's Coordinator Dr. David Strangleway has expressed caution. While he stresses his confidence in our research, last week he confirmed with me that "until we see sustained equality, this [the end of patriarchy] may be merely a brief turnaround." He feels that feminism is still necessary.

But Anne Hutchin of UPE 2900 has publicly disagreed with Strangleway, indicating a growing consensus among feminists. Hutchin is extremely pleased with the gender equality on this campus and is also happy with the recent agreement by the Board of Governors to adopt a collective decision-making process.

Among evidence the Centre has amassed are statistics showing that violence against women has dropped drastically, from 1 in 4 women to 1 in 100. Only 1 woman out of 35 is now beaten annually by her male partner, compared to 1 in 5 a scant year ago. As well, women are now earning \$1.08 for every dollar a man makes.

Still, one tenacious faculty continues to indicate the concern for women on this campus. Former engineering student President Alan LeRuse has confirmed that students in his faculty have started a

goddess-worshipping ritual at the cairn in order to raise awareness about women's issues.

This kind of continued pro-feminism concerns me greatly. It is unnecessary now that patriarchy and feminism are dead.

British communities.

The amount of research on this campus about women is overwhelming. All our evidence points to the fact that women are no longer silenced. Hence, Merrily Climb, one of the two professors in our program and a legal specialist, has begun a petition to officially end Women's Studies.

Those of us who teach Women's Studies are debating the future of our research. While we are agreed that we will stop research about women, several of us wish to continue in gender relations.

Cath Hensen has expressed her concern for men in this changing world. She is worried that many men face severe psychological stress and wants to institute research into literatures of resistance by white men who have little access to the publishing industry.

Since heterosexual behaviour has become a new subject of inquiry, especially in sociological deviance classes, Women's Studies professor Marie Byrce is now concerned about compulsory homosexuality. She has uncovered evidence that heterosexuals are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain employment unless they closet themselves. More studies are needed because court challenges to the same-sex only partnering laws are expected to

reach the Supreme Court soon.

Those of us at the Centre for Gender Relations are excited about the new possibilities now that feminism is dead. We will continue to push Dr. Strangleway to take the initiative. Our evidence is good and very conclusive. ■



For example, A-Rune Sravisteva, a professor in Women's Studies at UBC, has found in her research that the Vancouver Art Gallery's permanent collection is now emphasizing First Nations women's carvings. As well, English country dances are being held once a month for the ethnic