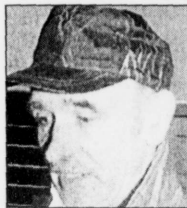


STREETWISDOM

How would you rate the performance of Prince George City Council after one year in office?



Cy Parsons

"I think it's good. We probably have the best mayor we ever had. There's been more done to this town than there's ever been. Look around. Things are happening. We have a really good council."



Anita Siemens

"I would say pretty good, just because of the growth we're experiencing. The fact that they're not stalling on a lot of issues helps the city."



Tony Wiebe

"I haven't been following council's situation regarding the city. I work too much and just don't have time to watch television."



Liza Baird

"My husband works for the multiplex and I'm not very impressed. Council doesn't support the city. You can't mess around with the people in the community."

Mills should check facts

Editor:

I am replying to the article, "Are We Equal or Not", by Shane Mills in your edition of 24 November.

Mister Mills utilizes a great deal of ink in his first three sentences proclaiming that his article contains only unvarnished facts. The balance of his work demonstrates his ignorance of, or disdain for, facts about our new university in general and our women's studies programme in particular.

I am a student in the Introduction to Women's Studies course at UNBC. I am a man, as are several of my fellow students in the course. Mister Mills might have checked a class list to see if there were men in the courses before suggesting that discussions should be "in classes that includes both sexes."

Why can gender studies not be pursued separately without "heightening the sexes along gender lines", whatever that may mean?

Can we not study botany separately from zool-

ogy without creating "division" in the field of biology? The field of human knowledge has been artificially divided many times and ways to create subdivisions of related studies that can be handled within single "disciplines."

These artificial divisions serve as frameworks for rendering study manageable. The act of studying these areas separately does no drive them apart.

By the same token, a study of anthropology from a woman's or a man's viewpoint does not necessarily create divisions. Rather, they examine preexisting divisions. Mister Mills has gracefully admitted that "there are, without doubt, differences between the sexes." Perhaps he will admit that it is legitimate to study these differences.

I suggest that Mister Mills sit in on a class or two before making egregious assumptions and printing them in your newspaper.

Sincerely yours,
James Loughery

Guilty before women

Editor:

Kate Hughes' talk at the College of New Caledonia is a marvelously clear example of how much of our sexual harassment legislation is not only unjust but also on dubious legal ground and most likely, unconstitutional.

According to her, sexual harassment is "any environment where a woman feels uncomfortable because of her sex." This is unjust, and probably unconstitutional because the crime is defined only by the feelings of the alleged victim; there are no objective standards by which to test whether or not an offense has actually been committed. The alleged victim's feelings are the only evidence needed and therefore the accused cannot bring forward any outside evidence to defend himself. A woman need simply say she feels uncomfortable and the man is guilty. In short, he is guilty if charged. This violates the accused's right to a fair and just trial and, I imagine, could easily be challenged in court.

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