

Reader is 'no fan' of Helen Reid

Dear Editor:

I am not a fan of Helen Reid (Relative to Reid) and usually can't read more than a few lines of her column without irritation. However, her column in the Nov. 25 edition (page 4) of your paper, headed "Men's conquests" and continued under "Challenges to the ego," made me so angry that I had to respond.

"Women are born communicators," she writes. What she communicates to me in this insulting column is her ignorance and her contempt for men. She belittles their

mechanical skills and ridicules their ability to accept physical challenge as manifestations of "the old male ego," which, she sneers, can be triggered by "problems with computers, household repairs, or building projects" as well as by car problems.

I assume there are no taps dripping in the Reid household, and that Mrs. Reid's car is in good running order at present, or she wouldn't be so smug. But if I were her husband or her mechanic, I could hardly wait until the next time she has a problem so I could say, "Fix it

yourself!" Let her spend a freezing Saturday morning lying on her back under the car with oil dripping in her face, scraping her knuckles raw, instead of sitting in her warm house "relating to" her women friends. Maybe then she would learn some respect for the men who keep her world running smoothly for her.

The instinct to fix what's broken is practical and admirable (and not, by the way, the exclusive province of the male, although clearly foreign to this unbelievable anachronism of a woman), and sharing

repair stories with an interested friend is both a pleasure and a way to learn more about the way things work - not, as she suggests, a substitute for comparing tales of sexual conquest. Can you blame the man for "seeking out another male to whom he can relate his latest experience?" Better than talking about it to a wife who can't offer anything in the way of intelligent comment, let alone gratitude for his efforts

on her behalf.

Her last paragraph is the most mean-spirited of all:

"Alas, this behavior too shall pass. For as men grow older and grayer they will be able to pursue fewer of their own challenges and will have to look forward to living vicariously through their sons' conquests."

I feel very sorry for the unlucky Mr. Reid, whose future seems pretty bleak. However, my most heart-

felt sympathy goes to this woman's sons, who face the challenge of shaking off the demeaning image of men that they learned at their mana's knee: man as egomaniac, frustrated stud and laughable tinkerer.

If Mrs. Reid wants a "real test to her womanhood," let her open her mind to admit the concept of mutual respect between the

sexes.

Sincerely
Carol Dimock
Penetanguishene

P.S. Permit me to identify myself as a woman whose work experience includes staying at home to run a household and raise a son, working as editor of two local newspapers and my present occupation as a laborer in house construction.

Thanks to one and all

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 80, Midland, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the businesses and individuals who purchased wreaths or donated to our 1988 Poppy Campaign.

Special thanks to Perin's Flower Shop for allowing us to display the wreaths in its window for the week prior to Remembrance Day.

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