

WHY DID YOU COME OUT TO THE TRAIL STATUS OF WOMEN THIS YEAR,
and, WHAT WAS LACKING?

1. Why come? -for sharing of experiences in a man's world.
-to gain support and give support.
-to understand why we think as we do and in gaining the understanding, to learn how to retain that quality that makes us women.
-for friendship, closeness, sisterhood.

Lacking? -in the quality of the experience--nothing. The quantity of the experience can never be enough.

2. Why come? the feeling of togetherness--not being alone in caring about the future of women. Wanting to do a "little", even if my "little" won't move mountains. the feeling that between us all, we will. Being known as a libber--now they all know they can't walk all over me--not easily anyhow!

Lacking? More of Us! Time! Time! Time! Confidence! Knowledge!
Specific goals! Complete honesty among ourselves!

3. Why come? I felt fairly certain in my own mind that women were being treated unfairly in many ways, but I lacked definite information and statistics to support my feeling. I wanted to be able to argue down a "pig" effectively and to make any listeners become involved. I hoped that the group would be able to help me gain the confidence to argue and convince people who are wavering that they should rethink their positions. I enjoyed the meetings because I felt we were able to really let down our hair, especially in the pubs afterward---

Lacking? We seemed to need a focal point or project of some kind to maintain energy. Once a hurdle was accomplished, we seemed to slump for a while. This is probably more of a human problem than that of a women's group.

4. Why come? I became very interested in the "feminist movement"(if I can use that very broad phrase) and I hoped to learn at the Status of Women meeting: a) facts and figures to back up my strong feeling about changes urgently needed in the behalf of women. b) information on how other women in my community felt. I thought a wide scope of women would be within this group. c) and what is being done about the recommendations set forward by the Royal Commission on the Status of Women within this country, province, and right here at home. This I felt would be an action group to get involved and see what I could do personally. d) meet a lot of women that I probably would never have otherwise met, and lots more I could say but paper is limited. I have really received a great deal from this year and my only hope is to contribute more next year.

5. Why come? I'm really interested and concerned about how myself and other women deal with the kinds of hassles that every woman has to deal with; e. g. jobs, interpersonal relationships, the law, etc. I also really enjoy the company of all the other women that come out to the meetings.

Lacking? A greater variety of women from different situations, e. g. age difference(teenagers, young women).
A meeting room that's more conducive to a relaxed conversation.

6. Why come? I have never been associated with women or really spoken to them since becoming an adult. There was always the feeling of competition. I had many confused feelings about life and marriage and felt very isolated. By coming to the meetings, I have met and become very close to women and they have reinforced my beliefs and